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## FOREWORD

This compilation of Frownfelter records has taken around 35 years and is still far from complete. I originally started out to prove that my Dad, Ed Frownfelter, had a direct ancestor who had fought in the Revolutionary War so that my sister and I could join a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Somewhere along the way I have collected these hundreds of newly discovered Frownfelter kinfolk, and so I decided to make my research available not only to my close family, but also am placing the book in various counties where I have found that the Frownfelters once lived.

One of the rewards for doing this research is the fun my sister Elsie Marie and I have had in actually following the trail that our wanderlust Frownfelters have traveled to get to the beautiful Grand Prairie of Arkansas County, Arkansas. For it was here, in 1891, that our Dad Edward Benjamin Frownfelter, was born. From Switzerland to Arkansas we've walked in their footsteps by the way of Berks, Dauphin, and Perry counties in Pennsylvania, "on westward" to LaFayette, Indiana (with various side trips to Iowa and Illinois where Frownfelter babies were born), then on to Hickory county, Missouri, and finally found "home" on the tall prairie grasses some 17 miles southeast of Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Of course this did not occur in one or two generations! Felix Frownfelter emigrated from Switzerland in 1738 and 145 years later his great great grandson Henry Frownfelter made his final move to Arkansas. Henry, was my Dad's grandfather. And so goes the story of how America grew.

While many of Ed Frownfelter's descendants are happy to remain here in Arkansas some are finding "greener pastures" in other states and so the Frownfelter line continues to move on.

I have placed only surnames with first names in the index and in most cases have Americanized the family names—for instance, the various spellings of Frauenfelder/Frownfelter have been identified as Frownfelter. Not any of the names on the pages of the copied records have been indexed. I have identified where I found all the proof for the family records so others may go to these primary sources if they so desire.

Incidentally, we DID find our Revolutionary War ancestor, Henry Frownfelter (the 1<sup>st</sup>) who fought in the War for Independence from Berks County, Pennsylvania, and who was the grandson of the immigrant, Felix Frownfelter.

This book is dedicated to my dear husband of 57 years, Billy John Burkett, who has encouraged me through these many years to take the necessary trips to do family research. He died March 29, 1999 just a few months before this book was finally completed. He is missed.

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## FELIX FROWNFELTER THE IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

Felix Frownfelter the immigrant ancestor of this Frownfelter line came from Switzerland to Philadelphia, PA on the ship *Jamaica Galley* on 7 Feb 1738/39.

The early history of this Felix Frownfelter was found in the City Archives, Zurich, Switzerland, and was sent to Mrs. Olive Stolzenburg, 9715 Mountain Quail Drive, Austin TX 78758 on 30 April 1985. A copy of this letter is included elsewhere in Felix's history. From this letter we know that Felix was baptized 13 Nov 1701, the son of Felix of the Monastery and his wife Magdelene Wolfer of Ober-Dagerlen. They were married 15 Nov 1692 at Henggart, Switzerland. At one point in the information from Zurich it states that Felix, the immigrant's father, "was a weaver at the Monastery". Felix that immigrated to America married Elizabeth Mader on 22 Oct 1726. Elizabeth Mader was of Schleitheim, District of Schaaffhausen, and was baptized 14 Apr 1701. (Elizabeth's parents apparently were not listed on the document.)

Also from this document we find that the children of Felix and Elizabeth Frownfelter were:

- I. Hans Ulrich Frownfelter bpt at Henggart 16 Mar 1727 (this is John)
- II. Felix Frownfelter bpt Henggart 12 May 1728; d Henggart 30 Aug 1729
- III. Felix Frownfelter bpt Henggart 12 Oct 1730
- IV. Regula Frownfelter bpt Henggart 6 Sept 1733 (this must be Sophina/Sophia)
- V. Jakob Frownfelter bpt Henggart 18 Dec 1735
- VI. Marx Frownfelter bpt Henggart 10 Nov 1737

According to information from Zurich, Felix immigrated in 1739 with his wife Elizabeth Mader, and their five children, one daughter and four sons.

No further information can be found concerning the fate of the three sons, Felix, Jacob and Marx, but we do know that when Felix made his will on 9 May 1764 he stated in his will that he had a wife and "only son John" and a daughter Sophina Frownfelter.

Felix was 38 years old when he came to America. From the passenger list of the *Jamaica Galley* it is known that there were 320 passengers on the ship commanded by Robert Harrison and the ship was shown as sailing from Rotterdam and the Port Entry was Philadelphia. (It should be noted that from the information sent from the City Archives at Zurich that the Frownfelter name was spelled in that country as *Frauenfelder*).

In all probability Felix and his wife and children settled in Berks County, PA soon after arriving in Philadelphia in 1739, but since Berks County was not formed until 1752, his early land records would be found elsewhere. There is proof that he was in Maiden Creek Twp, Berks County (at least what later was to be known as that) as early as 23 March 1749). In the selling of the Frownfelter land by Felix's grandson, Felix, on 3 Nov 1786, there is in the records where they were tracing the ownership of this particular plot of land, a statement that "Felix Frownfelter, grandfather of said Felix Frownfelter obtained a warrant from the honorable, the late proprietors of Pennsylvania dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, AD 1749 and by virtue of the said warrant there was surveyed to the above named Felix Frownfelter (the grandfather) the quantity of 59 acres of land and 83 perches.....situated in Maiden Creek Township". (This is found in Vol 19, *Deed Book, p.42, Berks Co. PA.*)

The land is traced further into Felix, the immigrants son's name when it states, "and whereas the said Felix Frownfelter, the elder, by Articles of Agreement dated the eighth day of the fifth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four did grant, bargain and sell his dwelling plantation in Maiden Creek Twp aforesaid (being surveyed by virtue of the above recited warrant) unto his only son John Frownfelter". The letters were put in bold to emphasize that all of the other sons born to Felix, the immigrant, and his wife Elizabeth, had died by this time.

Little more is known of our immigrant forefather, Felix Frownfelter, except that he made his will on 9 May 1764 and at that time he was still living in Maiden Creek Twp Berks Co PA. The will mentions (not by name) his wife, a daughter, Sophina and one son, John. If the "Regula" were the one named in his will as Sophina, then she would have been 31 years of age at the time and evidently not married. Of course, Sophina could have been another daughter born to them in Pennsylvania, and Regula could have died along with her brothers, Jacob and Marx.

A typewritten copy of Felix's will is included as well as a copy of the original handwritten will that Felix, himself actually signed.

While Felix made his will in 1764, he did not die until sometime just prior to 18 May 1779 when "his loving friends" whom he named in the will in 1764 probated his will.

The only two children of Felix and Elizabeth Mader Frownfelter who grew to maturity were:

I. **John Frownfelter** bpt 16 Mar 1727 at Henggart, Switzerland. A full history of John and his children is given in the next chapter.

II. **Sophina Frownfelter** was baptized (if she is the same child called Regula) 6 Sept 1733 at Henggart, Switzerland. Nothing further is known about her except she is mentioned in her father's will in 1764. She probably was the sponsor for various Frownfelter babies that were baptized and a Sophia Frownfelter was their sponsor.

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U. S. A.

Zürich, den 30. April 1985

Sehr geehrte Frau Stolzenburg,

die verfügbaren Angaben über die Familie des Felix Frauenfelder von Henggart entnehmen Sie bitte der unten angefügten Kopie einer Karteikarte. An Abkürzungen erscheinen dort b. = baptized; E = Eltern/parents; kop. = married. Felix Frauenfelder kam auf der Jamaica Galley in Philadelphia an und leistete am

F R A U E N F E L D E R, Felix, von Henggart

"Klosterfelixen Sohn" 1726,28,44; "der jung Klosterfelix" 1733,35; "Klosterfelixen jung" 1737  
b. Henggart 13.11.1701  
(E: Felix F., "Klosterfelix" (1692), "Klosterwebers sel." (1701), kop. Henggart 15.11.1692 Magdalena Woller, von Oberwil-Dägerlen)  
kop. Henggart 22.10.1726  
Elisabeth Mäder, von Schleitheim SH  
b. 14.4.1701  
(E:  
- Hans Ulrich, b. Henggart 16.3.1727  
- Felix, b. Henggart 3.12.1728, + Henggart 30.3.1729  
- Felix, b. Henggart 10.12.1730  
- Regula, b. Henggart 6.9.1733  
- Jakob, b. Henggart 18.12.1735  
- Marx, b. Henggart 10.11.1737

Laut A 174.38 / Faust S.56 1739 mit seiner Frau E. M. und mit 3 Kindern, darunter 4 Buben, ausgewandert. Die Auswanderung muss aber bereits 1738 erfolgt sein.

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7.2.1739 den Untertaneneid.

Falls Sie weiter zurückliegende Angaben zur Familie Frauenfelder wünschen, wenden Sie sich bitte an einen der auf dem beiliegenden Adressblatt genannten, privat tätigen Genealogen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

STAATSARCHIV ZÜRICH  
Der Adjunkt:

*H.U. Pfister*  
H. U. Pfister

Den wir danken für die ÜberSendung von 2 US-\$.

Copy of a letter from the Archives in Zurich, Switzerland written to Olive Stolzenburg, Austin, TX in 1985, that proves that Felix and wife Elizabeth Frownfelter came from Henggart, Switzerland and also names their children. Only John and Regula (Sophina) grew to maturity.

Year Book of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Maiden Creek Township

# This Indenture

between the third day of November  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five between Felix  
Traunfelder of Maiden Creek Township Bucks County and State of Pennsylvania his  
of the one part and Henry Seidel of Philadelphia County aforesaid Pennsylvania  
the other part And Henry Seidel of Philadelphia County aforesaid Pennsylvania  
et al. Whereas Felix Traunfelder by virtue of said Felix Traunfelder obtained  
a Warrant from the Honourable the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania dated the  
twenty third day of March AD 1774. And by virtue of this aid warrant there was pur-  
veyed unto his Grandfather the above named Felix Traunfelder the quantity of  
fifty nine acres of land & eighty three perches and the allowance of six pds. 6. situate  
in Maiden Creek Township in Bucks County aforesaid adjoining lands of John Dugay  
Simon Gary Henry Baker Nicholas Mignel and his other Lands. And whereas the  
said Felix Traunfelder the Elder by Article of Agreement dated the eighth day of the fifth  
Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four did grant  
bargain and sell his dwelling Plantation in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid being  
the land surveyed by virtue of the above recited warrant unto his only son John Traun-  
felder Esq: and by the said Article more fully will appear. And Whereas the said John  
Traunfelder hath obtained a Warrant dated the 15th day of April AD 1778 and by  
virtue thereof hath surveyed the 9th day of June 1786 unto his son the above named Felix  
Traunfelder Esq: twenty nine acres & sixty nine perches and Allowance of six pds. 6.  
situate in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid adjoining lands of Henry Seiler, Esq: and  
Cowan, James Hutton and his other lands. And whereas the said John Traunfelder  
dying thereof left Intestate the above described two tracts of land having been just duly  
valued and appraised by an Inquest awarded by the Orphans Court for the County of Bucks  
was upon return of the said valuation adjudged by the said Court unto Felix Traunfelder  
eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said Intestate agreeable to Law in such case made and  
provided as by the Records of said Court recogniz'd being the same unto him more fully and at  
large appears. And whereas the said Felix Traunfelder hath obtained a Warrant  
out of the Land Office at Philadelphia dated the eleventh day of May 1785 and by virtue  
thereof there was surveyed unto him fifty acres and one hundred & nine perches and  
allowance of six pds. 6. situate in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid adjoining his own  
lands & James Huttons. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Felix  
Traunfelder for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and five pounds in gold or silver lawful money  
of Pennsylvania to him in hand paid by the said Henry Seidel et al before the countersigning and delivery of these  
present he receipt is hereby acknowledged and thereof signified and forever discharged the said Henry Seidel his  
Heirs Executors & Administrators by the present Health granted bargain sold leased and confirmed land  
by these presents doth grant bargain sell release and cessation unto the said Henry Seidel his Heirs and  
Assigns Executors & Administrators all the before recited three contiguous tracts of land containing one  
hundred & eighty nine acres & one hundred & nine perches & allowance (be the same more or less) together with all  
and singular the buildings improvements ways woods waters watercourses rights liberties privileges heredita-  
mints and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and therew-  
ere and demands in rents issues and profits thereof and also all the estate right little interest pro-  
perty claimed and demand whatsoever of him the said Felix Traunfelder of in to or out of the same  
to have and to hold the said three contiguous tracts of land containing one hundred & eighty nine acres  
& one hundred & nine perches, be the same more or less, hereditaments and premises hereby granted men-  
tioned or intended so to be with the appurtenance unto the said Henry Seidel his Heirs and Assigns  
to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Henry Seidel his Heirs and Assigns for ever subject  
to the payment of all taxes rates and charges which may hereafter be lawfully exacted and demanded  
for or out of the same. In witness whereof the said Felix Traunfelder hath hereunto affixed  
his seal and delivered in the presence of us Henry Seidel Charles Shoemaker. Recd the day of  
the date of the within written Indenture of the above named Henry Seidel the sum of five  
hundred & five pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania it being the consideration money  
agreed thereon. Witness my hand this day and date first above written recd from me Felix  
Traunfelder Et Cetera present Henry Seidel Charles Shoemaker. Bucks County  
the third day of November anno Domini 1786. Before me the subscriber one of the  
Justices of our County Court of Common Pleas. I am the above named Felix Traunfelder  
and acknowledge

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Vol. I by Albert Bernhardt Faust

NO. 38. ANNO 1743, FROM THE PARISH HENKARTT, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE TWO HONORABLE GOVERNORS OF KYBURG AND ANDELFINGEN, the following families and persons journeyed to the new-found land—I do not know whether to Carolina or to Pennsylvania.

Each of these six families has an official certificate of baptism from the pastor of the parish with them. The first four were written in my own hand; the last two in the schoolmaster's hand, but signed by me and with these two words added: *sponte et audacter* (voluntarily and rashly).

5. Hans Jacob Frauenfelder, called Pleisser, baptized November 15, 1711.  
Anna Frauenfelder, his wife, baptized July 29, 1712.

Children:

1. Ursala, May 27, 1736.
2. Pantalcon, March 4, 1738.
3. Barbara, July 17, 1742.

6. Jacob Frauenfelder, son of Gabriel, the tailor, baptized December 3, 1713.  
Elisabeth Brätschger of Aesch, born 1709.

Children:

1. Barbara, baptized March 18, 1736.
2. Hans Heinrich, baptized November 24, 1736.
3. Elsbetha, baptized April 10, 1740.
4. Anna, baptized September 23, 1742.

Anna Frauenfelder, a respectable young woman, unmarried, sister of Jacob Frauenfelder, above-mentioned, baptized March 29, 1716. These two families—Nos. 5 and 6—resided in the County.

In all six families, four from the County, two from the Estate. Persons—32.

Moreover, under my predecessor, deceased Anno 1739, there left here for Carolina; Felix Frauenfelder, son of Felix from the monastery, baptized November 13, 1701, and his wife, Elsbetha Mäder, from Schleitheim in the District of Schaaffhausen, baptized April 14, 1701, with five children, including four boys, the oldest about ten years old.

Henkertt, March 31, 1744.

LEONHARD HOLZHALB, Pastor.



JOHN FRAUENFELDER NAMED AS ONLY SON OF FELIX; Source: Berks County Deed Book #19,  
page 42

THIS INDENTURE made the third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five between Felix Frauenfelder of Maiden Creek Township, Berks County, and State of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, of the one part and Henry Seidel of Bern Township, county aforesaid, Yeoman, of the other part.

Whereas Felix Frauenfelder, grandfather of Felix Frauenfelder, obtained a warrant from the honourable the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania dated the Twenty-third day of March, A.D. 1749. And by virtue of the said Warrant there was surveyed unto his grandfather's son the above named Felix Frauenfelder the quantity of fifty nine acres of land and eighty three perches and the allowance of five P.C. situate in Maiden Creek Township in Berks County aforesaid adjoining land of John Reesor & Simon Cary, Henry Baker, Nicholas Mongel, and his other lands, and whereas the said Felix Frauenfelder, the elder, by Article of Agreement dated the eight day of fifty month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four did grant bargain and sell his dwelling plantation in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid [being the land surveyed by virtue of the above recited warrant] unto his only son John Frauenfelder as in and by the said Article more fully will appear.

And Whereas the said John Frauenfelder hath obtained a warrant dated the 15th day of April A.D. 1773, and by virtue thereof hath surveyed the 9th day of June 1776 (year not very legible) unto his son the above named Felix Frauenfelder, Jr, seventy nine acres & sixty nine perches and allowance of five P.C. situate in Maiden Creek Township, aforesaid, adjoining land of Henry Shirer, Evan Owen, James Hutton, and his other lands,

And Whereas the said John Frauenfelder dying thereof seized Intestate the above described two tracts of land having been first duly valued and approved by an inquest awarded by the Orphans Court for the County of Berks was upon return of the fair valuation adjudged by the said Court unto Felix Frauenfelder Eldest son and heir at law of the said Intestate agreeable to law in such case made and provided as by the records of said court, recourse being thereunto had more fully and at large appears. And Wheras the said Felix Frauenfelder hath obtained a Warrant out of the land Office at Philadelphia dated the eleventh day of May 1785, and by virtue thereof there was surveyed fifty acres and one hundred & nine perches and allowance of five P.C. situate in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid adjoining his own lands and James Hutton's. Now this INDENTURE witnesseth that the said Felix Frauenfelder for 550 pounds .... etc.....

WILL OF FELIX FRAUENFIELDER

I Felix Frauenfielder, of the Township of Maidencreek in the County of Berks and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being in bodily health and of perfect and sound disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being willing to dispose of my outward substance agreeable to my min— do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following:

First, I give to my daughter Sôphina Frauenfielder one cow or four Bunds (?) in money to be paid as follows: Ten pounds immediately after the decease of my wife if my said wife survive me, and ten pounds a year until the whole is paid with lawful interest for the same to be paid with each payment. I also give to my said daughter after the decease of my said wife as aforesaid one bed and furniture, one of my chests which has a lock to it, all my Tea (?) implements and one \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ or equal half part of all the rest of household goods.

Item. I give and devise to my son John Frauenfielder all that my dwelling plantation situate in Maidencreek Township aforesaid adjoining the land of Samuel Lightfoot together with all and singular the building improvements, Rights, Liberties, Priviledges, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging with the Reversions and remainder Rents, issues, and profits thereof to have and to hold all and singular, the said premises with the appurtenances unto my said son, John Frauenfielder, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of my said son, John Frauenfielder, his heirs and assigns forever, he paying and delivering to and providing for my wife during her natural life all the money and provisions mentioned to be paid and delivered to her in a certain Article of Agreement made between my said son and me bearing the date the Day next before the date hereof and paying to my daughter Sophina the said sum of fifty pounds in manner aforesaid and truly performing all other covenants and agreements mentioned to be done and perform on the part of my said son as expressed in the said article of agreement and touching the residuary part of my Estate, both Real and personal which I may be possessed of at the time of my decease not herein disposed of I give, devise, and bequeath the same to my said son John Frauenfielder, his heirs and assigns forever, and I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my Loving Friend, John Reesor, and Christian Risteen to be the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, thereby revoking all other and former Will and Wills by me made, and ratifying, confirming, this to be my Last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this ninth day of the fifth month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and six four.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the  
said Testator Felix Frauenfielder to be his  
Last Will and Testament in the presence of  
us who at his request have hereunto subscribed  
our names as Witnesses

s/Felix Frauenfielder

Christian Markle

William Reesor

Register Office, Reading, Berks County the eighteenth day of May 1779, then personally appeared Christian Markle and William Reesor, the subscribing witnesses to the above written Last Will and Testament, and Christian Markle upon his solemn Oath and the said William Reesor on his solemn affirmation severally did declare & say that they were present and saw and heard Felix Frauenfielder, the Testator, therein sign, seal pronounce publish and declare the within writing to be his Last Will and Testament and at the time of doing thereof he was of sound mind, memory, and understanding as they verily believe who subscribed their names respectively as witnesses thereunto at the request and in the presence of the said Testator.

Henry Christ, Register

(From Will Book B, Page 8, Berks County, PA)

I, Felix Frownfelter of the Township of Maiden Creek in the County of Berks and Province of Pennsylvania Esquire being in bodily health and of perfect and sound disposing mind and memory but Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being willing to dispose of my outward substance agreeable to my mind do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following.

First I give to my Daughter Sophia Frownfelter one hundred four Pounds in Money and fifty Pounds in Honey to have as follows ten Pounds immediately after the decease of my wife if my said wife survive me and ten Pounds a year until the whole is paid with full interest for the same to be paid with each payment. Also give to my said Daughter after the decease of my said wife as aforesaid one Bed and Furniture one of my Chests which has a lock to it containing the implements and one Heavily or equal half Oar of all the rest of my Household Goods.

Item I give and devise to my son John Frownfelter all that my dwelling Plantation situate in Maiden Creek Township aforesaid adjoining the land of Samuel Lightfoot together with all and singular the Buildings Improvements Rights Liberties Privileges Tenements and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging with the Reversions and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof To have and to hold all and the said Premises with the appurtenances unto my said son John Frownfelter his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of my said son John Frownfelter his heirs and assigns forever. Paying and delivering to and providing for my wife during her Natural life all the Honey and Provisions mentioned to be paid and delivered to her in a certain Article of Agreement made between my said son and me bearing Date the Day next before the Date hereof and paying to my Daughter Sophia the said sum of fifty Pounds in manner aforesaid and well and truly performing all other the Covenants and Agreements mentioned to be done and performed on the part of my said son as expressed in the said Article of Agreement And as touching the residuary part of my Estate both Real and Personal which I may be possessed of at the time of my decease not herein before disposed of I give devise and remanent the same to my son John Frownfelter.

This is a reduced copy of the original will written by the immigrant ancestor, Felix Frownfelter, as found in Will Book B, page 8, Reading, Berks County, PA. Will was written 9 May, 1764 and was probated 18 May, 1779.

ever And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my loving Friends John Reeser and Christian Rifflein to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other and former Will and Wills by me made and ratifying confirming this to be my last Will and Testament for witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> ninth Day of the fifth Month in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

Signed Sealed Published  
and declared by the said Testator  
Felix Frauenfelder to be his  
last Will and Testament in  
the presence of us who at his  
request have hereunto subscribed  
our Names as Witnesses

John Reeser

William Reeser

Felix Frauenfelder



To Henry Pitt Esq. Register for the probate of  
will & granting Letters of Administration etc &  
for the County of Berks &c Whereas we the  
Subscribers John Reeser & Christian Rifflein were  
appointed Executors in the Last will and  
Testament of Felix Frauenfelder in the Town of

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test  
x  
W.M.

Dated  
18 May, 1779

Above is the actual signature of  
Felix Frownfelter.

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**JOHN FROWNFELTER**  
**Only Surviving Son of Felix Frownfelter**  
**John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup> the Immigrant**

John Frownfelter (Hans Ulrich in Swiss records) was baptized at Henggart, Switzerland on 16 March 1727. He came to America with his parents, Felix and Elizabeth Mader Frownfelter and his three brothers and one sister. This information was taken from records sent from the City Archives, Zurich, Switzerland. ((See copy in Felix Frownfelter's records in Chapter 1.) However, after coming to America no record has thus far been found to indicate what happened to John's three brothers, for by the time their father, Felix, made his will on 9 May 1765 only the daughter, Sophina, and John were alive.

According to the above information John would have been 10 years old when he came to Pennsylvania with his parents and he would not have had his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday yet that year since the boat came in February and his birthday was in March.. The family came on the Jamaica Galley on 7 February 1738/39 to Philadelphia where John's father took the Oath of Allegiance on that same day.

John Frownfelter "of Maiden Creek Twp, Berks Co PA" was naturalized 5 April 1762. (Record found in book, *Naturalization of Foreign Protestants in The American Colonies*.) John married Margaret Blatt but a record of their marriage has not yet been found. From *History of Berks County PA* by Montgomery, page 1023, it is proven that John paid five pounds in taxes in 1759 and the record shows that he was married at that time. He would have been 32 years old at that time. From *Warrantees of Land, County of Philadelphia PA* page 15, Felix Frownfelter owned 200 acres, 30 Nov 1748; John had 50 acres on 23 March 1749 and Felix had 50 acres the same date. This would be referring to the father, Felix, the immigrant, and his son, John. It was in 1752 that Berks County became a separate county from Philadelphia County.

*Index of Tax records, Berks County, PA*, page 205 shows that John F. paid taxes through 1778 and "Widow Frownfelter" paid taxes in 1779, 1780 and 1781. John's wife Margaret was named administratrix of his estate on 17 April 1781. This would indicate that John had died a short time before this date. (In all probability the "Widow Frownfelter" referred to Felix's wife, Elizabeth—John's mother in the 1779 and 1780 tax list.) On the order found in Volume 3, page 295 in *Berks County PA Letters of Administration*, she is thus written, "Margaret Frauenfelder (which is the way Frownfelter was spelled in the records sent from the archives in Switzerland) widow and relict of John Frauenfelder late of Maiden Creek Township in Berks County, yeoman." John's estate was inventoried and appraised on 21 April 1781. (A copy of this inventory is included in this chapter.) Margaret evidently lived only three years after the death of her husband for in the court records at Berks County Courthouse in Reading, PA, dated 23 March 1784 is found the appraisal of Margaretha Frauenfeldern (the "n" indicates a woman.) Both John and Margaret Frownfelters' appraisal papers were written in a mixture of German and English.

This information is found on page 159, *Orphans Court Records, Berks County PA*, dated 16 May 1783: "Petition of Margaret Frownfelter, widow and administratrix of John Frownfelter of Maiden Creek, deceased." The petition stated that John Frownfelter died intestate, seized of considerable real and personal property, leaving eight children, two of whom, Jacob and Susannah, are yet under 14 years of age, prays for guardian. Court appoints Daniel Rodermel for them. Margaret (above 14) chooses John Reasor of Maiden Creek guardian; Adam F. (above 14) chooses Abraham Huy of Maiden Creek for guardian.

In Berks County PA *Orphans Court Records* for 25 March 1784, page 166, is found "A Petition of Felix Frownfelter, eldest son and heir at law of John Frownfelter of Maiden Creek Twp, yeoman, deceased." It states his father died intestate leaving eight children, to wit: The

petitioner (Félix), Henry, Adam Jacob, Magdalene (already married to Henry Shilt), Elizabeth, Margaret and Susannah, four of whom, Adam, Jacob, Margaret and Susannah are yet in their minority. The petition states that the intestate had 120 acres of land in Maiden Creek Twp Berks County PA. Felix asked for partition or valuation. It was so ordered.

On page 170 in *Orphans Court Records* for 11 May 1784: "Return Philip Fremer, Esq., high sheriff on property of John Frownfelter, deceased. On oath of Sebastian Franser, Nicholas Schaeffer, Casper Merchel, Everhart Schabbel, George Houer, John Miller, Jacob Dieberty, Francis Schalter, Henry Stemer, and on affirmation of Daneil DeGink, Yout Iries, and Abraham Schneider, the value of this estate was 360 pounds in gold or silver. It was confirmed by Felix, eldest son of John Frownfelter, deceased."

Because of all of the court proceedings concerning the dividing up of John's estate, we are now able to know the approximate ages of at least some of the children, and we know that at least one of the daughters is married. As a postscript it should be added that Felix, John's eldest son was granted the right to buy all of the land. This he did and almost immediately he sold it, and thus the land passed out of the Frownfelter name.

It appears that most of the children of John and Margaret F. soon left Berks County after their father's death. The only Frownfelter name in the 1790 census of the county was that of John's son, Henry, who along with his brother Felix, fought in the Revolutionary War from Berks County, PA. In the 1800 census of that county, Adam is shown as the head of a household. Adam is believed to have been the only son of John that continued to live in the county. Possibly John's daughter Anna Elizabeth who married John Nicholas Becker on 13 April 1784 in Windsor Twp may have continued to live in the county—no known research has been done on her line at this time.

On 3 November 1786 the Berks County court records show that Felix Frownfelter sold 186 acres (which was part of his grandfather's original land that he had patented when he first came to America from Switzerland). He sold it for "505 pounds in gold and silver lawful money of Pennsylvania" to Henry Sidel. Felix paid taxes in the county through 1787 and nothing further is found on him in this county. John's son Henry (my line) probably left Berks County soon after 1790. We know that he was in Buffalo Twp, Perry County around 1800; Felix was in the 1800 census in Frederick County Maryland; Jacob probably is the Jacob F. who resided in Carroll Twp Perry County PA. Buffalo and Carroll Townships are not far apart. We know that John's daughters, Magdalene (Shilt) and Margaret (Ungor) went to Adams County PA as did their sister, Susanna (her baptismal certificate was recently found in an antique shop in that area)—this would leave Adam F. and possibly Anna Elizabeth (Becker) to continue to live in Berks County.

From the book, *Berks County PA Marriages, 1730-1800* published in January 1986 by HP Publishing Company we find these marriages performed by Rev. Boos: 19 December 1780 Henrich Frownfelter (Windsor Twp) to Maria Elisabetha (my line); 11 January 1790 Adam Frownfelter (Windsor Twp) to Catharine Bossler; 13 April 1784 Anna Elisabeth F. to Johann Nicolaus Becker (Windsor); and on that same day Maria Margaretha F. was married to George Unger (Windsor). The last two sisters had a double wedding ceremony on that date!

Much more research will need to be done before the ancestry of John Frownfelter's wife, Margaret Blatt can be proven. The name Blatt is also spelled in English/German as Plott, Plot, etc. The following information on the Blatt family was sent to Forrest Brandt in November 1986 by Richard Riegel, Rt. 1, Box 67, Mohreville, PA 19541: "I think that Fred, Adam and Margaret Blatt must have been the children of George Plott/Blatt, the immigrant of 1741. Adam apparently was born the year after they arrived. Frederick's tombstone is still readable. Little is known about George Blatt. I believe that he was connected with a church as a teacher or builder. There seems to be no record in Berks County of his owning land. The George we find on tax lists, etc. could have been his son. Fred (Frederick) Blatt had a daughter baptized at

Moselem Reformed Church in 1764 with Sophia Frownfelter as sponsor. The above George Adam Blatt (1742-1819) married Barb Klee and they had eight children. No further records of this George Blatt can be found in Berks County."

The Sophia Frownfelter who was sponsor of the George Blatt daughter was most likely the Sophina Frownfelter who was the daughter of Felix, the immigrant. If true, this would prove that she was not yet married by 1764 and would have been 31 years old. It is possible that this George Blatt was also a brother to Frederick and Adam and a sister to Margaret Blatt who married John Frownfelter.

According to Richard Riegel, the immigrant George Blatt was 36 years old in 1741 when he came to America. The name of his wife was not listed. Frederick Blatt died intestate in 1811, but his widow Margaret had a will probated in 1818 and in the will she named these children: Henry, John, Fred, Adam, Daniel, George, Magdalene, Barbara, and Margaret. George's other known son, Adam (1742-1819) may have had these children: Adam, Fred, Jeremiah, Mathias, Jacob, Margaret, Maria, and Elizabeth—a number of these children died in Ohio.

It is known that the John Frownfelter family and the Frederick "Plott" family were both living in Maiden Creek Twp, Berks County, PA in 1759 when they both paid taxes—John paid five pounds and Frederick Plot paid two pounds—both were married at that time.

John Frownfelter and Frederick Blatt, both of Maiden Creek Twp, Berks County took the "Sacrament for Naturalization" on 5 April 1762, and Frederick's name followed John's on page 79 of *Naturalization of Foreign Protestants in the American Colonies*. In the same document on page 120 is the name of Adam Blatt, Bern Twp and he took the Sacrament on 6 October 1765. It is believed that John Frownfelter was their brother-in-law.

#### **Children of John and Margaret Blatt Frownfelter:**

1. Felix Frownfelter b ca 1753
2. Magdalene Frownfelter b ca 1754
3. **Henry Frownfelter** b ca 1757
4. Anna Elizabeth Frownfelter b ca 1762
5. Maria Margaret Frownfelter bpt 20 April 1764
6. Adam Frownfelter b ca 1767
7. Jacob Frownfelter b ca 1769
8. Mary Susanna Frownfelter b 12 August 1774

I. FELIX FROWNFELTER was the eldest son of John and Margaret Frownfelter for he is so listed in the settling of the estate of his father, John, in 1781-84. He was born before 1755, probably in Maiden Creek Twp, Berks County PA. He died in April 1835 in Frederick Co MD.

Felix bought out the shares of all the other children of John and then he almost immediately sold the farm—part of which belonged originally to his grandfather for whom he was named. In Vol. 18 *Third Series PA Archives* page 504: Maiden Creek Twp Tax Return and Assessment Berks Co 1781—Felix Frownfelter 150 acres; 2 horse; 5 cattle—tax 8.1.6. He is also listed for 1784 and '85. He probably left Berks County soon after selling the Frownfelter land in 1784 though he paid taxes through 1787.

He and his brother Henry both fought in the Revolutionary War. This record from the *Fifth Series, PA Archives Vol. V* page 158 gives documented proof. County Militia 20 Jan 1777 at Newton, Buck Co PA Private Felix Frownfelter is listed, also on page 159 and 255 on the Roll of Captain Jacob Baldy's Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Berks Co Militia commanded by Col. Heister. Felix's brother Henry was also listed with him as were others from their neighborhood in Berks County PA.

Felix F. evidently married in Berks County for he was listed as married in the tax records there in 1781. Thus far his marriage record cannot be found even though all his

brothers and sisters' marriages have been found in the Lutheran records of Rev. Boos. From the records in Frederick Co. MD we know that his wife's Christian name is Anna Maria.

No census record has been located by me for Felix in 1790, but in the 1800 census for Frederick Co. MD page 195 is this information: 3 males under 10; 1 m over 45; 3 females under 10; 1 female 10-16; 1 female 16-26 and 1 female over 45. This probably is "our" Felix. However, one more son is listed than was mentioned in his settlement of his estate in 1836. (Equity Case #1505 Frederick Co MD)

There is proof that this Felix F. stayed in close touch with his (probable) sisters, Margaret, Magdalene and Mary Susanna for records in the Adams Co. PA area (which is very close to Maryland) show that Felix Frownfelter and wife Anna Maria were sponsors for some of these ladies' children in the Lutheran Churches in that county.

I answered a query in a Pennsylvania Genealogical magazine written by Evelyn Eichelberger Boose, 2352 Tyrone Road, Westminister, MD 21158, in 1993 and she was asking for information on a Felix Frownfelter that has been born in Berks Co PA. I exchanged information with her and she sent me a copy of the Equity Case #1506 in Frederick Co MD courthouse. In that paper it listed the children of the late Felix F. who had died in April 1835. From that I have listed the seven children named as his heirs, and Evelyn also sent me the records from the St. Mary's Reformed Church, Silver Run MD that shows the birth records of some of Felix's children:

1. Elizabeth Frownfelter who by 1836 was married to David Yingling
2. Jacob Frownfelter—believed to be the John Jacob b 21 July 1792 as the s/o Felix F. and wife Anna Maria. They evidently had dropped the John and he was known simply by his middle name Jacob. From the Silver Run Church records we know he had, at least these children by wife Nelly Yingling:

- A. Wilhelm Frownfelter b 15 Feb 1825
- B. Catharina Frownfelter b 11 Dec 1835
- C. Maria Frownfelter b 25 Aug 1837

3. Catharine b 1782—her tombstone is in the Taneytown Reformed Church Cemetery, Taneytown, Carroll Co MD. It states that she died 25 April 1853 and "was 71 years, 5 months and 2 days old". Her husband John Weant died 11 Sept 1858 age 81 years and 25 days old. He was b ca 1777

- A. John Weant Jr. b 16 May 1815 d 21 May 1886
  - a. Samuel Weant b 17 March 1845 d 6 Marcy 1917
    - aa. Effie Alice Weant b 28 May 1871 d 7 July 1953
      - a.a.a. Clarence Earl Eichelberger b 12 June 1896
      - a.a.a.a. Evelyn Eichelberger b 16 July 1920 in Ann Arbor MI m Vincent Boose 25 Dec 1941

4. Rebecca Frownfelter
5. Mary Frownfelter
6. Peter Frownfelter md Hannah ----- Their children:

- A. Sarah Ann Frownfelter b 3 July 1845
- B. Jacob Peter Frownfelter b 3 Aug 1848
- C. Mary Ellen Frownfelter b 20 May 1850
- D. Josephus Frownfelter b 21 Mar 1852
- E. Gershon Sylvester Frownfelter b 7 Feb 1855
- F. William Sechler Frownfelter b 19 Jan 1862
- G. Isaac Benjamin Frownfelter b 10 Sept 1865

7. Barbara Frownfelter md Jacob Cook and in the Equity Case in 1836 (see above) it stated that "she had moved to Ohio."

The Equity Case also stated that all of the other six children were still living in Frederick Co MD. In 1837 part of this area of Frederick Co MD became a part of Carroll Co MD.

II. MAGDALENE FROWNFELTER was b in 1754 in Berks Co PA probably in Maiden Creek Twp. She married Henry Shilt—date not known. Henry was b in 1748. By 1773-74 they were married and living in Adams Co PA where they had a 125-acre farm. Henry Shilt was in the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, York Co PA in the Revolutionary War. They were members of the Reformed Church just as her brother Felix was. They lived near Littletown south of Gettysburg PA

Magdalene died 12 Mar 1839 in Adams Co PA. Her husband died 8 Feb 1820 in the same county. Rose Shilt, 10996 Westbrook Rd. Brookville Ohio, gave information on this line. Her husband descends from Magdalene and Henry's son John who married Catharine Unger. Catharine Unger was the daughter of Margaret Frownfelter who married George Unger. Margaret F. was a sister to Magdalene—thus John Shilt and Catharine Unger were first cousins. Other sources of documentation were *Wills/Administrations Adams Co PA #219* and *Hanover Guardian* for 16 Feb 1820 and *Republican Compiler* for 9 April 1876.

Their children, all born in York (later changed to Adams Co) Co PA:

1. Mary Catherine Shilt b 15 March 1773-74 md Andrew Bolinger; she d 9 April 1876 in Darke Co Ohio
2. John Shilt b 4 Oct 1784 German Twp, Adams (York) Co PA; md Catharine Unger; she was the d/o John's mothers sister, Margaret Frownfelter who was married to George Unger. John Shilt d 17 Aug 1859 in Twin Twp, Darke Co Ohio and is buried in St. Mathews Lutheran Cemetery, Ithaca Ohio. Catharine, his wife, b 1794 and d 1878
3. Peter Shilt b 6 March 1789 in Adams Co PA and md Mary Magdalene -----
4. Henry Shilt b ca 1785 Adams Co PA md Catharine -----
5. Adam Shilt b 6 March 1789 Adams Co PA d 10 Aug 1862 at Union Twp, Adams Co PA and is buried at Christ Reformed Cemetery. He md Catharine -----
6. Jacob Shilt b 7 Oct 1790; md Sarah Bolinger Feb 1818; he was in the War of 1812. He d 21 July 1876 at Monroe Twp, Darke Co Ohio and is buried in Ithaca Cemetery
7. Susanna Shilt
8. Daniel Shilt b 1794; md Leah Jamison 25 Aug 1816 at Hanover PA
9. Anna Maria Shilt b 20 Dec 1796 Adams Co PA (Christ Reformed Church)
10. Barbara Shilt b 1798 (record at Christ Reformed Church Littletown PA)

III. HENRY FROWNFELTER b ca 1757 in Maiden Creek Twp, Berks Co PA. This is the line of Bennie Frownfelter Burkett, Stuttgart, Arkansas and a complete lineage on him follows in the next chapter.

IV. ANNA ELIZABETH FROWNFELTER was probably b ca 1762. She was one of the four children of John Frownfelter that was already of age when they were settling their father's estate in 1783. Her marriage to John Nicholas Becker on 13 April 1783 in Windsor Twp Berks Co PA is listed in the Rev. William Boos' church records. Anna Elizabeth and her sister Maria Margaretha evidently had a double wedding as Rev. Boos had both of their ceremonies on this same day. Rev. Boos also performed the marriage ceremony for their brothers, Adam and Henry Frownfelter—Henry in 1780 and Adam's in 1790. The only known children for Anna and John Becker are:

1. Maria Becker
2. Mary C. Becker

V. MARY MARGARETA FROWNFELTER was baptized 20 April 1764 at St. Peter's Church, Richmond Twp, Berks Co PA. Her sponsors were Andrew Frederick Blatt and wife. Andrew was probably the father or brother of Margaret Blatt. Maria Margaretha md George Unger (son of Michael Unger), Berks Co Windsor Twp on the same day as her sister, Anna

Elizabeth Frownfelter. George Becker was b 31 Jan 1763 and he d 8 Dec 1836 at German Twp Adams Co PA. Their records are in Christ Church, Littletown PA. Maria Margaretha d 7 March 1847 at Adams Co PA. Her will is #2543 in Adams Co and her husbands' is #1956. Their children all b in York (later changed to Adams) Co, PA:

1. John Unger b 27 Dec 1789 d 1 March 1857 md Margaret -----
2. George Unger b 2 Feb 1792 d 27 May 1873 md Mary -----
3. Adam Unger b 1785 ? d 14 Aug 1835 md Eve -----
4. Catharine Unger b 26 Nov 1794 md John Shilt a first cousin
5. Elizabeth Unger md Frederick Krupp
6. David (Daniel?) Unger b 10 Oct 1819
7. Magdalena Unger md George Shlear (Schlear)
8. Jacob Unger b 21 April 1805 md Catharine -----

The marriage of Maria Margareta Frownfelter and George Unger on 13 April 1784 is recorded in the records of Rev. J. William Boos (1780-1809) which were recently translated and published. Rev. Boos served in the vicinity of Zion (Sipes) Church, Alsace Twp, but he performed marriages for couples from other sections of the county as well. In the ministers records it states that their residence was "Wensor" (Winsor)

There is found in the Orphans Court at Reading, Berks Co PA in Vol. 3, page 159, dated 7 March 1785 a petition to divide the estate of Michael Unger of Windsor Twp, deceased. It lists the five children, including the above George. On page 159, same volume, the court directed that "petitioner Herman Unger receive the property of his late father for the stated valuation and he was ordered to pay proportionate shares to other children". Since George Unger and Margaret Frownfelter were married in 1784, it is quite probable that they took his share of the money and moved to Adams County PA at that time.

VI. ADAM FROWNFELTER was born ca 1763-1769 (in settling his father's estate in 1783 he was listed as over 14 but not yet of age). As an adult he lived in Windsor (later Perry) Twp, Berks Co PA. The records of the Schwartzwald Reformed Church show that he married Catharina Bossler on 11 Jan 1790. It appears from the records now found that this Adam Frownfelter, the son of John, is the only one of John's sons to remain in Berks Co. PA. There has not been sufficient research, but Elizabeth Frownfelter was married John Nicholas Becker, may have remained in Berks County, if so, then that was the only sister of Adam's that remained in that county.

Adam Frownfelter is the only family with the Frownfelter name to be listed in the 1800 census for Berks Co PA; therefore, we must assume that ALL of John Frownfelter's sons had left the county by then except Adam. In the 1909 published book *Historical and Biographical Annals of Berks County, PA* compiled by Morton L. Montgomery there is found on page 935 of Vol. II a biographical sketch on W. Adam Frownfelter, who was living at that time. He made a mistake identifying whom his g.g. grandfather was. He identified him as "Henrich" Frownfelter when it should have been "John" who he said was "a mere lad when he came to America from Switzerland". Considering the fact that W. Adam was recalling facts that occurred over 150 years earlier, he did a fair job! But to many present-day Frownfelter researchers, this mistake caused many headaches before it was finally solved.

Other than that one "misnamed ancestor" this sketch gave much information on the Frownfelters of Berks Co PA. He even named the four children of this Adam (the son of John who was the son of Felix, the immigrant): "Adam who settled in Circleville, Ohio; John who served in the War of 1812; Jacob and Heinrich." I, Bennie Burkett, had located, many years ago, the descendants of Adam's son, Adam who moved to Circleville, Ohio, and

a more or less complete line on him has been proven. Some of his descendants still own land purchased by the son Adam. But as far as can now be determined by this researcher none of the descendants of the other three sons have been located. No doubt most of those Frownfelter now living in Berks Co PA are descendants of these three sons of Adam, the son of John and Margaret Frownfelter. W. Adam Frownfelter descends from the son Jacob.

The four sons of Adam and Catharina Bossler (Bassler) Frownfelter are:

1. Adam Frownfelter b or 29 March 1794 d 1 April 1867 md Selma (or Salona) Markel (dau of Jacob) b 28 Dec 1798 in PA; d 23 Aug 1866; both buried at Stumpf Cemetery, Salt Creek Twp, Pickaway Co Ohio. This Adam's will is found on page 458, *Will Record Book #4 1852-1870*, Pickaway Co Ohio. The will was written 28 Nov 1866 and probated 8 April 1867. They had four sons and six daughters:

- A. Lucinda Frownfelter was probably one of the older children. She was dead when her father made his will, but had children who were living and would receive her share of Adam's estate.
- B. Nicknamed "Pop"—probably the Polly Frownfelter who married on 27 Dec 1845 Jacob Mowery, Pickaway Co Ohio.
- C. Julia Ann Frownfelter b --- March 1821; md 3 May 1849 to Joseph Butterbaugh at Pickaway Co; he was a farmer b --- May 1826 in Ohio. They had five children: Albin Butterbaugh; Nelson and Herman Butterbaugh (both d inf); Louise Butterbaugh and Mary C. Butterbaugh.
- D. Levi Frownfelter resided in Pickaway Co Ohio b 25 March 1826; d 1902; md Rachel Imler, she b March 1833 (they had been md 46 years in 1900 census). They had three known children:
  - a. Henry A. Frownfelter age 6 in 1860 census; md Susan---- and in 1880 Census was living in Stringtown, Salt Creek Twp:
    - aa. Mamie Frownfelter
    - bb. Florence Frownfelter
  - b. James H. Frownfelter md Inez Bockert
    - aa. Grant Frownfelter dead by 1967
    - bb. Roy Frownfelter in 1967 was married and lived at Rt. 1, Kingston, Ohio 45644 and had:
      - a.a.a. Francis Frownfelter
      - aaaa. Marvin Frownfelter
      - bbbb. Ruth Frownfelter
  - c. Harley Frownfelter
- E. Catharine Frownfelter lived in Salt Creek Twp Pickaway Co; b 1 Feb 1828 in Ohio; d 14 Jan 1901; md 18 Aug 1847 Pickaway Co to Christian Butterbaugh; he b 2 Feb 1829 and d 25 March 1903 buried at Stumpf Cemetery Salt Creek Twp. Chld:
  - a. George Butterbaugh
  - b. John Wesley Butterbaugh
  - d. Sarah Ann Butterbaugh
  - e. Benjamin Butterbaugh
  - f. Cephus Butterbaugh
  - g. Noah Butterbaugh
  - h. Jennie Butterbaugh
- F. Hester Ann Frownfelter lived at Salt Creek Twp; b 27 Sept 1829; d 20 Feb 1903; m 12 March 1854 at Pickway Twp to Henry North, a Justice of Peace in 1860; he b 6 Feb 1827 and d 28 Feb 1895; both buried at Stumpf Cemetery. Five known children:

- a. William North
  - b. Samantha North
  - c. Mary E. Moore
  - d. Isaac Franklin North
  - e. Emma A. North
- G. Benjamin Frownfelter b 22 Feb 1832; d 1 Aug 1861; m twice; no known children. His tombstone shows him to be the son of Adam and Selma Frownfelter. His will is in Will Bk #4 in Pickaway Co Ohio.
- H. Israel Frownfelter resided Pickaway Co but moved to Lima Ohio; b ca 1834; m/1 Seba Patrick who d 28 May 1858 and is buried with her infant son at Stumpf Cemetery. They had another son. He m/2 16 Feb 1860 Layanna Goodman.
- a. Franklin Frownfelter (by 1<sup>st</sup> wife)
    - aa. Roena Frownfelter
    - bb. James R. Frownfelter
  - b. Otis Frownfelter
  - c. Shannon Frownfelter
  - d. James Frownfelter
  - e. Mary E. Frownfelter
- I. Adam Frownfelter moved from Salt Creek Twp to Ashville, Pickaway Twp Co between 1880 and 1900. He b Jan 1838 in Ohio; m ca 1865 to Adaline -----. They had one child:
- a. Emmitt Frownfelter, he was a printer; he b June 1866 in Ohio; m ca 1866 to Grace -----
    - aa. Cleo Frownfelter b June 1897; no heirs  
This Adam had no heirs as of 1967.
- J. Matilda Frownfelter was keeping house for her father, Adam F. when he made He made his will in Nov 1866; she m 2 Jan 1859 at Pickaway Co Ohio Joseph Spad. Nothing is known of any children.  
.....(Information for this family was gathered mainly from Mrs. Roy "Mary" Frownfelter who wrote to Bennie Frownfelter Burkett in 1967. Her husband was the second child of James who was the second child of Levi Frownfelter. Levi was the son of Adam Frownfelter who moved to Ohio from Berks Co PA. This Adam's father was Adam Sr., son of John Frownfelter and wife Margaret Blatt.)

VII. Jacob Frownfelter needs much more research. Jacob is such a common name among the various Frownfelter families. We do know that when Jacob's father, John, died that this Jacob and his sister, Susanna, are listed as being "yet under 14 years of age". We know that from Mary Susanna's Taufschein (German Baptismal Certificate) that she was born 12 Aug 1774. Jacob was probably a little older than Susanna, making him being born ca 1769.

This Jacob is believed to be the Jacob Frownfelter who resided in Carroll Twp Perry Co PA, and died there before 5 August 1835, the date his estate was settled. It is known that another one of John Frownfelter's sons, Henry, moved to Perry Co PA sometime soon after 1790 and he settled in Buffalo Twp. Henry F. was quite a bit older than Jacob for he fought in the Revolutionary War in 1777-1780. Henry F. died in Buffalo Twp Perry Co PA in 1823 and this Jacob died in Perry Co in 1835.

It is interesting to note that at least six of John and Margaret Frownfelter's eight children left Berks Co PA. It is known that son Adam married and lived his entire life in Berks Co and his descendants are still living there today. It is not known where John's daughter Elizabeth settled (she married Nicholas Becker). All of the other six children left Berks County:

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In these Perry Co PA Orphans Court Dockets, Vol B 1829-1837 is found entries in the April 1835 term of court a petition to sell the real estate of Jacob Frownfelter, deceased, late of Carroll Twp. Wm. M. McClure was named administrator and he petitioned the court for the sale of 25 acres more or less adjoining lands of John Baer, Frederick Albright and Samuel McClure. This was made necessary, according to the court, to "pay the debts of the deceased". No wife or children or other heirs were mentioned. In the above mentioned petition of the land is this description of his property. "About twenty acres of which are cleared, about one acre thereof is meadow, having erected a small log house and small log stable."

Henry died in 1823 and Jacob died 12 years later in 1835. They both were about the same age at death since it is known that Henry was around 12 years older than his brother, Jacob.

(Note by Bennie Burkett: My sister and I went to Perry County PA sometime around 1990, and the entire county seems to be extremely mountainous except the river bottom lands along the Susquehanna River where Jacob's brother Henry F., the Revolutionary War veteran lived in Buffalo Twp.)

VIII Mary Susanna Frownfelter was b 12 August 1774 in Berks Co PA. Her father died before her seventh birthday and her mother died before she was 10 years old. She was the youngest of eight known children of John and Margaret Frownfelter. She was probably reared by her older brothers and sisters, and it is believed that when her sisters, Margaret and Magdalene, and brother, Felix, moved to Adams Co PA and Frederick County, MD Susanna went with them.

In 1984 Rev. Frederick Weiser, a Lutheran minister in Adams Co PA, informed some of the present generation of Frownfelters who were doing research in that area that he had bought the Taufschein (baptismal certificate) of Susanna Frownfelter in an antique store in Adams County. It was from this certificate that the information on Susanna was found.

Added in 1994: In a letter from Evelyn Boose, 2352 Tyrone Road, Westminister, MD, came this information which she had abstracted from the St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church records, Silver Run, MD: "John Jacob, son of Felix and Maria **Frauenfeldter** (sic) b. 30 April 1792; bp 21 July 1792; sponsors: Jacob Klots and **Susanna Fraunfelder** (sic), both single." This, no doubt, is the Susanna born to John and Margaret Frownfelter in 1774, and this baby was her brother, Felix's son. Susanna would have been almost 18 years old by then. She most likely married (maybe Jacob Klots!) in this area and her descendants may still be there. (Note that even in this one entry in the church records, Frownfelter is spelled TWO different ways!)

The following information concerning the difference between the Lutheran Church and the Reformed Church was published in the April, 1984 Frownfelter Newsletter that was written and distributed by the late Forrest A. Brandt, Manitou springs, CO:

**Lutheran denomination and Reformed denomination.** Quoted from **The Palatine Immigrant**, page 158, spring 1979 issue:

"We've been asked what is meant by the Reformed Church. (Not "Reform", please, Reformed.) Briefly, the Lutheran faith followed the teachings of Martin Luther (1483-1546) who lived in Germany; the Reformed faith followed the teachings of Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) and John Calvin (1509-1564), both of whom lived in Switzerland, although Calvin was born in France.

"Both of these Protestant faiths were usually tolerated in the German states of our ancestors—rarely, however, in the same state at the same time. Each was at times the "official" or "state" religion of one dukedom, principality, margravate, or whatever, the Palatinate included.

"There is no such thing as a "Lutheran Reform" church or "Reformed Lutheran" church, an error that crops up occasionally on the Immigrant Ancestor File sheets."

Comment on this from Pastor Weiser: "In Pennsylvania we have "Union Churches"—two congregations, one building—and to the outsider they look like "Lutheran Reformed" etc. whereas the arrangement was made by the thrifty Dutch who only had church meetings once every four weeks, so why have two buildings?

"Today the congregations of the German Reformed Church are in the United Church of Christ (There are also a Dutch Reformed Church in New York and later in Michigan, to confuse the issue.)"

*Below is a copy of Mary Susanna Frownfelter's Taufschnein (reduced in size): This refers to the Mary Susanna Frownfelter discussed on the previous page.*

Margarettta Blattin    Johannes Fraufelder



A printed, but hand colored, lettered and decorated supplementally by an unknown artist who worked in western York County, Pennsylvania and in adjacent Frederick County, Maryland. Note the cherub figure at top center. The eagle early supplanted the cherub in this position.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1781. A Statement of the Estate  
of John Fransfelder.

Item	Description	Value
1	Birbal Boock	3 2/-
2	Eight Boocks	1 -
3	a Recker Boock	4 -
4	a Hilgards	12 -
5	a Bay Mare	15 -
6	a Bay Mare agin	21 -
7	a Stors	20 -
8	two Kolls	15 -
9	a Cow and Calf	5 -
10	a Cow	10 -
11	a Cow	10 -
12	a Cow	10 -
13	a Cow and Calf	10 -
14	a Haffer	10 -
15	a Baull	1 -
16	two Haffers	3 -
17	three Cifers	6 -
18	five Sheep with five Lambs	3 -
19	Eight Sheep	10 -
20	fourteen	12 -
21	A Windmill and Duggs	12 -
22	A Ha forde	12 -
23	Hamp	14 -
24	thirty Bondels	12 -
25	Pig Stoes	15 -
26	one hundred	100 -
		150 19 6.

This is a copy of the  
appraisal of John<sup>2</sup> Fransfelder's  
estate on 27 April 1781. Berks Co P.F.  
Courthouse at Reading.

27	Three Warts	12
28	five Barels a Peier and the Barels	2 10
29	The Star a Peier with the Hord	1 7 6
30	One Star barel Bochler gag a horn and a waching Sow	15
31	three hawks	1 2 6
32	one Towt two gags and a horn	5
33	One Towt galling gag with two gallings of a cay	9 6
34	A Barel	1
35	the Bloue and Bloue Eyers	1 15
36	a nother Bloue and Bloue Eyers	15
37	A Hare	1
38	it Wachter with the Tavers	8 15
39	A Cock Chens	7
40	at the Horf gears with was ther	1 16
41	Two Breddals	5
42	Two hawks Chens	8
43	18 Coven Ranchs with the Vayle	15
44	Eighteen Cowhorns	7
45	Twe Eiern Stabels	5
46	The Eiern Peengs an three Eiern wachers	7 6
47	The Ax.	10
48	An Eiern Rock with Blao and brently	11
49	three Kroben hoofe	7
50	Two Eiern Schaffers and another Schaffel and four hoofe	11
51	One Eiern Hoof	5
52	a Haaf Bulstel with Eiern	5
53	two CowBalls	3
54	two hanck shives and two Ax.	10
55	one Dachsel a Schaffan Haaf a Saif of Brusfers a Chaffel	10
		25 10

56	11 Stane Eicorn and other Eicorn		
57	Hamer and Anivell, two old Sheep		
58	Earth Cist one trouell		
59	11 stane other Schaf		
60	A Littel towl and two watter Pals		
61	Three watter Pals		
62	An Eicorn Kettle and one Eicorn Pot		\$ 1.16
63	<del>Eicorn Ladles</del> <del>gilt</del> <del>gold</del> <del>fork</del>		5
64	One watter Bod		3
65	One Sandern and two fennels		5
66	A Papper Mill		5
67	two leir Boxes		2
68	tear Transfers		1 8.
69	one Koffer		1 5
70	two Batt. Hatt		1
71	a Lattel tot		1 3.
72	Seven Eorden Potts		1 6
73	A Praef Kettle and one Eicorn Pane		12
74	one Paraffear Damer		7
75	Bach traf		4
76	Eicorn Pot with the sett land		6
77	Two old slavells		1 5
78	Two Rittels		1 6
79	one Buschell and half of An Schenkorn		4 6
80	Anentwifice Bach		3 12
81	one Praef Kettle		7 10
82	Two Blanghards and two Schaf Backs		2 2
83	Two Peig Knaps		10
84	Eighteen Eorden Potts		3
85	Two Herttrafs		1 2 6
86	Two Buschells of An Schenkorn		7 6
			18 1 9.

86	Watches Table					
87	Five Chisels					
88	Three Bushels Buckwheat					
89	Five Hand towels and five Dabblin hand					
90	Two Schillers					
91	One Basin					
92	Two Linen Pillows					
93	Two Iron Hatchets					
94	Twenty Pound Hams Two					
95	Two Large Crackers					
96	One Willow Plate					
97	A Granit Stone					
98	A Small Kettle					
99	A Small Pot					
100	Bath and Bath Slats					
101	Two Chisels and a punner weaver					
102	One Vinnicker gun					
103	Two Kandels and Kandelflock and Kandel Muhl					
104	One K. Label					

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Recd the Condental Money

of Drasmand appraised

Daniel Rodeckel

Registers Office at Reading Berks County personally appeared  
 At this day Daniel Rodeckel and on their solemn Appraisal  
 did declare & say that he have carefully appraised the goods  
 contained in the above Inventory to the best of their Skill and  
 Knowledge the same day the 27th of 1881

Berks County Pa

HARRY C. W. Register

Inventory of the estate  
of Margeritha Frischfeldern, of Maiden Creek Town Ship in Berks  
County Decesed

Panel Bed -	-	-	-	-
Pendan cloth an Books Texts -	-	-	-	-
1. Testament an Oder Book -	-	-	-	-
a. Kitchen glass -	-	-	-	-
<del>2. Kitchen glass</del>	-	-	-	-
2. glass Bowels -	-	-	-	4. 6.
2. Pewter Bepons & Butter Spoons & Iron Spoons -	-	-	-	11. -
2. glass Bowels -	-	-	-	1. -
old Iron Dings -	-	-	-	3. 6.
old Earthen Ware -	-	-	-	4. 6.
old Tin or Porcel -	-	-	-	1. 3.
2 Chests -	-	-	-	4. -
Linen Cloth Tow. Cloth -	-	-	-	15. -
2 tubs an 3 water Pails -	-	-	-	10. -
a Chest -	-	-	-	-
a Chair -	-	-	-	1. 6.
Tow. Yaren -	-	-	-	7. 8.
fork Hamps -	-	-	-	15. -
Spunster -	-	-	-	6. -
2 spinning wheels & a Reel -	-	-	-	18. -
a Water Book -	-	-	-	2. 6.
old Baskets -	-	-	-	1. 6.
old Box an Iron Boxes -	-	-	-	7. 6.
old Basket & Beans -	-	-	-	1. 6.
<del>all the old cloth</del>	-	-	-	2. 6.
a. James & a Sickle -	-	-	-	4. -
a. Pitch & a half Salt -	-	-	-	4. -
a. Bag an Iron 91/2 pds -	-	-	-	1. -
2 Bee hives -	-	-	-	1. -
9 Bags -	-	-	-	1. 2. 6.
3 Table Cloths & other Cloths -	-	-	-	14. 6.
old things -	-	-	-	1. 6.
Linen Cloth and Blanket	-	-	-	7. 6.
				342. 12. 8.

Inventory of the estate  
of John's widow Margaret Blatt  
Brownfelter on 25 March 1784  
in Berks Co. PA Courthouse at  
Reading.

A Bed and a Bed slate	3 15
Rope	15
a Carton to a Bed	16
2 Iron Bars & a Pan	10
3 Cow Chains & a Ax.	1 5 6
a Hoe	7 6
a Chest & a Cask	2
2 Boundels a flax	5
2 Swine	15
2 Cows and a Calf	15
4 Sheep	7 5
a Table	1 10
4 Barrels and a Keg	4 6
a Spinning Wheel	5

Carried over £42,12,8

Whereas the subscriber having appraised  
every article contained in the above written  
Inventory to the best of his understanding  
judgment made the day 1784.

Henry Ertly  
his Esq<sup>r</sup>  
mark

Daniel Rothermel

Registers Office Berks County March 25<sup>th</sup> 1784  
appeared Henry Ertly & Daniel Rothermel Esq<sup>r</sup> and on their  
solemn qualification Do say that they have carefully appraised  
the goods in the above Inventory to the best of their understanding

Coram me Henry Christ Register

Bucks County Pa.

Held at Reading in this County of Berks the twenty fifth day  
of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and eighty four Before Henry Glinski, John Sudwig and Dan-  
iel Rodenreel Esquires Justices of the said County &c  
upon the Oath of Felix Frauensfelder Eldest son and Heir  
at Law of John Frauensfelder late of Maiden Creek Township  
in the County of Berks German deceased Setting forth that the  
Petitioners said father lately died Intestate leaving spouse  
eight children, to wit, the Petitioner, Henry, Adam, Jacob, Mag-  
dalena, the wife of Henry Shild, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Susannah  
four of whom, to wit, Adam, Jacob, Margaret, and Susannah are  
yet in their minority And the said Intestate died seized in  
his demesne as of Fee of and in a certain Mesuage or Ten-  
ement Plantation and Tract or Piece of Land situate in  
the Township of Maiden Creek aforesaid adjoining to Land  
of Jesse Remrose, Henry Scheiner, Michael Unger, John  
Reeser, and James Hutton, Containing by Estimation One  
Hundred and twenty five Acres or thereabouts to the same more

Nov 3, 1785

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St. Gallen R...de.

Sixty Six Years from the Commencement of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Made the third day of November AD 1778  
between John Tammesfield and his Heirs and Felix Traunfelder  
of Allentown Creek Township Bucks County and State of Pennsylvania  
The one part And the other party of the said John Tammesfield deceased and his Heirs and  
Felix Traunfelder deceased and his Heirs and his wife Anna Traunfelder obtained  
a Warrant from the Honourable the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania dated the  
twentieth day of March AD 1776. And by virtue of the said warrant there was pur-  
veyed unto his Grandfather the above named Felix Traunfelder the quantity of  
fifty nine acres of land Eighty three perches and the allowance of six p. to situate  
in Allentown Creek Township in Bucks County aforesaid adjoining lands of John Deppor-  
son or Larry Henry Baker Nicholas Mongel and his other Lands. And WHEREAS the  
said Felix Traunfelder the Eldest Article of Agreement dated the eighth day of the fifth  
Month in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four did grant  
bargain and sell his dwelling Plantation in Allentown Creek Township aforesaid [being  
the land] surveyed by virtue of the above recited warrant unto his only son John Traun-  
felder As in and by the said Article more fully will appear. And WHEREAS the said John  
Traunfelder hath obtained a Warrant dated the 15th day of April AD 1778 and by  
virtue thereof hath purveyed the 9th day of June 1776 unto his son the above named Felix  
Traunfelder the twenty nine acres & fifty nine perches and Allowance of six p. to  
situate in Allentown Creek Township aforesaid adjoining lands of Henry Steier, Esq.  
Coven, James Hutton and his other lands. And WHEREAS the said John Traunfelder  
dying thereof left Intestate the above described two tracts of land having been first duly  
valued and appraised by an Agent awarded by the Orphans Court of the County of Bucks  
was upon return of the said valuation adjusted by the said Court unto Felix Traunfelder  
eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said Intestate agreeable to Law in such case.

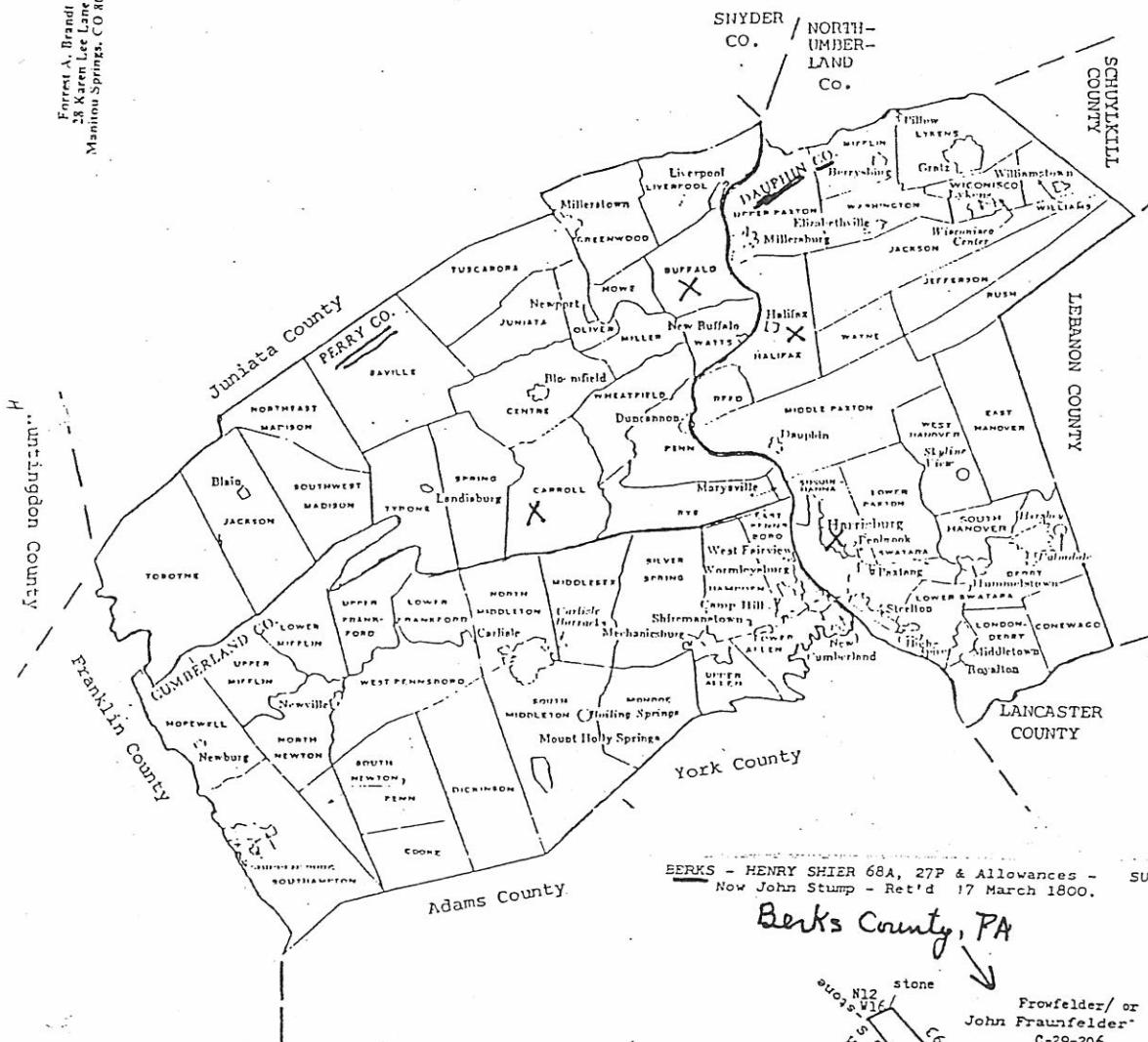
whereon and now at this of the said Intell. hee agreeable to Law in such case made and  
provided as by the records of said Court recouer being therunto the more fully and at  
large appears. And whereat the said Silas Frankseller hath obtained a warrant  
out of the Land Office at Philadelphia dated the eleventh day of May 1785 and by virtue  
thereof there was surveyed unto him fifty acres and one hundred & nine perches and  
allowance of five rods latitude in back thereof as aforesaid, adjoining his own  
lands of James Buttons. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Silas

Proof that John  
was the only  
surviving son  
of Felix,

PENNSYLVANIA

**DAUPHIN, PERRY and CUMBERLAND COUNTIES, - PENNSYLVANIA**

**Forrest A. Brandt  
28 Karen Lee Lane  
Manitou Springs, CO 80829**



(above)--This map of Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland counties in PA shows where at least two of John's sons, our Henry (the Patriot) and Jacob lived in Perry Co.--Henry in Buffalo Twp. and Jacob in Carroll Twp. Some of John's grandchildren also lived in these counties. Henry (the Patriot) had sons Adam (our line) and Henry in Dauphin Co.

(right)--map shows where John and Margaret F. had land in Berks Co. PA. Part of this land was patented by John's father, Felix soon after he came here from Henggart, Switzerland.

"In pursuance of a warrant dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1772  
Resurveyed the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1794 the above described  
Tract of Land situate partly in Windsor and partly in  
Maiden creek Townships in the County of Berks containing  
68 Acres 27 perches and the Allowance of Six per cent  
for Roads &c. Taken from Thomas Lightfoots field Works  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1800."

Philip Myer, D.P.

To: Dan'l. Broadhead, Esq'r.  
Surv'r. Gen'l. of Pennsylvania

SOURCE: SURVEY BOOK "A", VOLUME 206, PAGE 4, 1900

SURVEY BOOK "C", VOLUME 206, PAGE # 273  
Comm. of Pa., Dept. of Community Affairs,  
Bureau of Land Records, South Office Bldg.,  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

**HENRY FROWNFELTER**  
**REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER**  
**Son of John and Margaret Blatt Frownfelter**  
**Henry<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> Felix<sup>1</sup>**

**Henry Frownfelter** was probably born in the 1750s and was one of the oldest children of John and Margaret Blatt Frownfelter. In the settling of the estate of John Frownfelter in 1784, it lists Felix as being the "eldest son," then names Henry, Magdalene (who was already married to Henry Shilt), and Elizabeth--these four were of age. Then it lists these four as "being yet in their minority": Adam, Jacob, Margaret and Susanna. These children were probably all born in Maiden Creek Twp Berks Co PA.

Nothing is known of Henry's childhood. We know that he was old enough to serve in the Revolutionary War. Pvt. Henry Frownfelter and Pvt. Felix Frownfelter were both in Captain Scheffer's Company of the First Battalion of Berks County Militia on 20 January 1777 at Newton, Bucks Co PA. Evidently Henry's brother Felix did not serve with him in 1780 for only Henry was listed as serving on 8 September 1780 in Captain Jacob Baldy's Company of the Sixth Battalion of Berks County Militia. (Pages 158, 159 and 235 of Vol V 6th Series, Pennsylvania Archives.)

According to the **Berks County PA Marriages 1730-1800**, page 42, "Henrich Frauenfelder of Windsor married Maria Elizabetha Kreisher on 19 December 1780." (This book of marriages was compiled by Jeffrey J. Howell and Frederic G. Paul in 1986.) Thus we know that Henry F. was in the Revolutionary War on 9 September in 1789 and that he got married to Maria Elisabetha Kreisher on 19 December in that same year.

These records show that four of the children of John and Margaret F. were married by the same pastor, Rev. William Boos: Henry in 1789, Anna Elizabeth and her sister Maria Margaretha were both married on 13 April 1784, and Adam F. married Catharine Bossler on 11 January 1790. Henry Frownfelter is the only Frownfelter that is listed as the head of a household in the 1790 census for Berks Co PA and his brother Adam is the only Frownfelter listed in the 1800 census for this county. Henry probably moved his family to Buffalo Twp Perry Co PA before 1799. This description of the location of Buffalo Twp Perry Co PA was found in an old history book in the library in Perry County: "Buffalo Twp is bounded on the North by Greenwood and Liverpool Twp and on the West by a small stretch of the Juniata River and by Howe Twp. It is composed of two valleys, Bucks and Hunter's with Berry Mountain separating the two valleys."

In the settling of Henry's estate which was first found in the court records in Perry Co Courthouse on 5 May 1823, we find that he had lived in that county for over 20 years. In the 1820 census for the county he is shown as living with his son Nicholas. Records also show that Henry's daughter Sophia and her husband John Kline lived in that county before they moved to Richland Co Ohio ca 1822. It is known that Henry's son Nicholas, was married on 9 May 1810 to Catharine Poohl at the Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA. Also in the same records is found the marriage of Henry's son John to Catharine Singer at this same church on 25 October 1807. It should be noted that the birth of two of Adam's children are recorded in the Zion Lutheran Church records in Harrisburg.

These two sons of Adam were Peter "son of Adam Frauenfelder on 2 Feb. 1818" and Henry "son of Adam Frauenfelder on 13 May 1820". (Frownfelter is spelled exactly as it was spelled in the City Archives, Zurich, Switzerland, in all of the Zion Lutheran Church records.) (This Henry Frownfelter b in 1820 is this writer's great grandfather who eventually moved to Arkansas County, Arkansas and is buried in a small cemetery near where he died in this county in 1888.

On 7 January 1827 an attorney for Adam Frownfelter, one of the heirs, appeared in the court in

Perry County and complained that the heirs "had no notice of the meetings of the auditors appointed on the estate of the said (Henry Frownfelter) deceased": He went on further to state "that several of the heirs of said deceased reside in the state of Ohio and have resided there between four and five years, and two (reside) in Dauphin and one in Cumberland County." And would therefore not have known of the various orders being issued by the court. He also stated that the heirs believed that they were being "unjustly charged".

After looking at copies of the accumulated papers filed in the Frownfelter "packet" at the courthouse recently one can quickly see that Henry's heirs "lost it all" to lawyers fees and a multitude of other charges made against the estate.

From the statement of the attorney in 1827 mentioned above, it would seem that Sophia, Nicholas and Nancy were already in Ohio. Adam and John were still in Dauphin County and evidently Henry was the other son who was at that time in Cumberland County. However, a history written later in Ohio stated that John had gotten to Ohio in 1826. In one court record in 1830 it said Nicholas, the administrator, "had removed out of the state of Pennsylvania."

As far as the descendants of the six children are concerned, the one good that came from all of these court procedures is that these records were proof that Henry and Margaret had these children, for in most cases no other proof is now known that specifically gives the names of their six children.

We are fortunate to have found the baptismal record of Henry Frownfelter's wife, Maria Elisabeth Kreisher (Kreuscher, Krisher, etc.). From **Daniel Schumacher's Baptismal Register** translated by Frederick S. Weiser, publications of the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol. 1 1968, is found the record of the baptism of "Maria Elisabeth, daughter of Johann Nicolaus Kreuscher and Maria Catharine" who was baptized 27 March, 1759 in Oley Hills, with sponsors Philipp Kreuscher and Maria Elisabeth.....Rev. Schumacher was an itinerant Lutheran minister, who also baptized some Kraushaar children in Lynn Twp, Lehigh Co. PA. It is believed that Maria Elisabeth Kreisher Frownfelter had a brother named Nicholas Kreisher who is buried at Frieden St. John Lutheran and reformed Church cemetery. According to his monument he was born 8 June 1757 (almost two years before Maria Elisabeth); he died 29 June 1825. His wife was Elisabeth \_\_\_\_\_ who died 6 Feb 1832 age 61, one month and 11 days. This cemetery is in Hampden Twp. Cumberland Co PA.

We know that Maria Elisabeth was born 27 March 1759, we know that her parents names were John Nicholas and Maria Catharine-----Kreisher and that she married Henry Frownfelter of Windsor Twp, Berks Co PA on 19 December 1780, and that they had six children. She was evidently dead by 1820 when Henry was living with his son Nicholas in Buffalo Twp. Perry County PA. Then in 1823 when they probated Henry's estate no mention was made of his having a wife. It is hoped that further research of the Lutheran or Reformed Church records in Perry County will give the exact date of both Henry and Maria's death.

From the tax indices for Kreishers from 1754 to 1770 it can be seen that four of the six original immigrants are listed as residing in Berks County.

John Niclas, Phillibs and John Jost Kreisher (evidently this is the German spelling of their Christian names) arrived on the ship **Elliott** on 24 August 1749. Bastian or Sebastian Kreisher lived in Reading Twp by 1760 moving to Windsor Twp that year and residing there thru 1789. (According to Rev. Boo's records he died 26 Nov 1800.) Michael was married and living in Windsor Twp by 1760 thru 1789 (he died 1790.) Yost was married and living in Windsor Twp by 1760 and continued living there thru 1766 (he d Nov or Dec 1766.) Yost had a daughter, Anna Margaretha, who md Conrad Jacoby. Nicholas--Maria Elisabeth's father--was married and living in Alsace Twp by 1760 and on thru 1778, when he moved to Windsor Twp. He lived there from 1779 on thru 1785. He probably died about that time.

This information on Michel Kreisher and wife Anna Tilla was found on tombstone inscriptions from a cemetery at Zion's United Church of Christ, near Windsor Castle, Windsor Twp Berks Co PA (church and cemetery located in Perry Twp Berks Co, formerly Windsor Twp, and was recorded by Henry R. Schneck, Jr. of Allentown PA.) Quoting from Henry Schneck: "Two brownstones located at extreme lower end of old graveyard, just inside stone wall along paved township road running between church and cemetery: (written in German) Here lies the body of Michel Kreuscher (sic) born 16 Feb 1721, married to Anny Tilla 45 years, 3 months and 20 days; died 16 July 1790, 69 years, 5 months. Here lies the body of Anna Tillia Kreuscher born 16 July 1719, and died 27 Feb 1793, 73 years, 7 months and 11 days."

According to **Pennsylvania Archives, Vol 18 Third Series 1784 Return and Assessment**, p 686 Nicholas Kreisher was living in Windsor Twp Berks Co and he paid taxes on 200 acres of land and he had three horses, four cows and three sheep. In same source on p 297, Nicholas Kreisher owned 300 acres in 1779.

**Children of Henry and Maria Elisabeth Kreisher Frownfelter:**

- I. Sophia Frownfelter b ca 1781
- II. John Frownfelter b ca 1785
- III. Nicholas Frownfelter b 27 Oct 1788
- IV. ADAM FROWNFELTER b ca 1790**
- V. Henry Frownfelter b ca 1794
- VI. Nancy Frownfelter b ca 1800

**I. SOPHIA FROWNFELTER** b 1780 at Maidencreek Twp Berks Co PA resided in Maidencreek Twp in childhood, went to Perry Co PA at unknown date, then to Richland Co Ohio ca 1822; then to Crawford Co Ohio in 1836. She died 10 Sept 1858 in Crawford Co Ohio. Sophia and John Kline who was a carpenter. He was b ca 1782/85 in PA and he d 26 June 1867/68 at Shelbina, Shelby Co MO. Known children of Sophia Frownfelter and John Kline:

1. Catherine Kline b ca 1811 in PA; d 27 Jan 1895 at East Mansfield Ohio. She married a farmer, Michael Orewiler who was b 1798 and died 30 Jan 2879 at Cranberry Twp Crawford Co Ohio. Catherine was buried at Sulphur Springs, Crawford Co Ohio. Nine children were named in Michael's will.

- A. Amelia Rutan Orewiler b ca 1833
- B. John Orewiler b ca 1835
- C. Hezekiah Orewiler b ca 1838
- D. Adam Orewiler b ca 1840
- E. Michael Orewiler b ca 1842
- F. Daniel Orewiler b ca 1843
- G. Mary Orewiler b ca 1846
- H. Nancy Wilson Orewiler b ca 1849
- I. Henry Orewiler b ca 1855

2. Joseph Kline b ca 1813 in PA; he was a farmer; he d 30 Oct 1875 at Liberty Twp Crawford Co Ohio. He married 31 Aug 1843 at Crawford Co Ohio to Elisa Seidel b in PA ca 1816.

A. Allen Kline b ca 1857--adopted 24 Sept 1857--Allen Allen before adoption.

3. Adam Kline b 3 June 1817 in Perry Co PA; lived in Cranberry Two Crawford Co Ohio 1850-1870 was a winebrenner meister; lived at Hicksville, Defiance Co Ohio 1881-1905. He died 17 May 1906 at Ackerman farm four miles north of Deshler. Married 6 May 1841 at

Crawford Co to Susanna Keener. She b 4 Mary 1818 in PA. She died 18 Sept 1869. They had eight children b in Cranberry Twp Crawford Co Ohio.

- A. Caroline Kline b 21 May 1842; d 12 Sept 1931 md J. Ackerman
- B. John Kline b 16 Sept 1843; d 1930; md Isabelle Scott
- C. Nicholas b 26 July 1846; d 1929; did not marry
- D. Jefferson Kline b 26 July 1847; d 8 Aug 1847
- E. Levi Kline b 11 Aug 1850; buried 29 Oct 1923
- F. Albert Kline b 8 Nov 1852 at Crawford Co Ohio; d 3 April 1943 at Prescott Iowa; md Nancy Jane Ervin.

a. Lettie Kline--through this daughter, Forrest Anthony Brandt descended.

Forrest was a foremost researcher on the Frownfelter line. Forrest was b 27 Nov 1915 at Prescott, Iowa; he md Janet Neville Cummings 25 Oct 1944; they had one son and two grandchildren. He retired at a Lt. Col. in the Air Force in 1965 and they lived at Manitou Springs, CO; he died in April 1987. His records are in a number of libraries including the Perry Co PA Historical and Genealogical Library. This is the county that his ggg grandfather, Henry Frownfelter, the patriot died in 1823. For a number of years Forrest published a Frownfelter newsletter.

4. Michael A. Kline b 23 May 1822 at Montgomery's Ferry, Perry Co PA. He was a carpenter and builder. He resided after 1850 in or near Auburn, DeKalb Co Indiana. He d 16 July 1904 at his home at 610 North Main, Auburn Ind. He married 1 Dec 1844 at Crawford Co Ohio to Mary A. Wallace who d March 1850 and one child Sophia is believed to have been born to this marriage. Sophia age is in 1850 census; age 13 in 1860 census; he md/2 Anna Maria Summers b 16 June 1828 or 29 at Lancaster Co PA; d 15 Sept 1908 at Auburn Ind. Buried Evergreen Cemetery Auburn Ind. Michael Kline had seven Children:

- A. Sophia Kline (by first marriage)
- B. John Franklin Kline b 3 Mach 1852; d 21 Dec 1903
  - a. Owen Miller
  - b. Nine Miller
- C. Ida Aurelia Kline b 27 Jan 1855; d 8 Jan 1862
- D. Jefferson Douglas Kline b 19 July 1861; d 17 Jan 1862
- E. Jacob Samuel Kline b 1862; d 13 Feb 1866
- F. Etta Lucinda Kline 19 Sept 1865; d 18 May 1930; m Franklin E. Fluke
  - a. Phillip Kline Fluke
  - b. George Clayton Fluke

NOTE # Richard A. Olds, 2610 Hillenbrook, Kalamazoo, Mich 49008, and Mary Fluke Best, 5427 CR 23, A, Auburn, Ind 46796, descend from Michael A. Kline and have excellent information on his descendants. (This from the Nov. 1984 *Frownfelter Newsletter*)

NOTE # 2: In the *St. Peter's Fetterhoff's Church Records Harrisburg, PA* from *Old German Record Book 1788-1854* by Cornelius E. Kippenheffer, Emporium, PA 1963: John Klein and wife Sophia had son Heinrich b 20 Oct 1804 and bpt 3 1805 sponsors were Heinrich Frownfelter and wife Maria Elisabet. Heinrich (Henry) and Maria Elisabet Frownfelter were the parents of Sophia. From the records compiled years later in Ohio no mention of Sophia's son Heinrich was found. This Henry named for his grandfather Henry Frownfelter the patriot was probably the first grandchild.

**II. JOHN FROWNFELTER** is found in the 1810 census in Dauphin County, PA East Hanover Twp. He had 2 males under 10 and 2 males 16-26. In 1820 census, Dauphin Co PA he was in Halifax Twp and had 3 males under 10; 2 males 10-15; 1 male 15-20, 1 male 25-45; 1 female under 10; 1 female 25-45. In the 1830 census of Madison Twp Richland Co Ohio he was 40-50

Mrs. Grace Perman, 803 Marlow Place, Mansfield, Ohio 44906, descends from Alonzo, Frownfelter--this information in the early 1980s.

1. Henry Frownfelter, son of John Frownfelter who was born 9 Nov. 1811 at Dauphin Co., PA. He moved with his family to Richland Co. Ohio around 1826. He resided on a 51 acre farm between Ontario and Mansfield, Springfield Twp. Richland Co. Ohio. He was a cabinet maker and farmer. He married 21 Oct 1840 to Eliza M. (Edsal) Lamberton (widow of Robert Lamberton) by John Veller, minister, at Richland Co. Ohio. Henry F. died 2 Sept. 1869 at home near Newcastle and Ontario. Eliza outlived him by 37 years Henry F. Buried at Taylor Meeting House Cemetery south of Ontario. Infant daughter Ann Catherine and son John Henry also buried there. Eliza F. Buried lot 198, Sec D2, Nevada Cemetery.

Information for this line furnished in 1985 by Eula M. Sortland, (her address listed earlier) Mrs. Sortland descends from Henry and Eliza thru Abigail Jane who md Samuel Bell; and thru Bessie Irene Bell (1881-1968); who md Lewis A. Althouse. Eula Althouse b. 12 Aug 1904, Eden Twp md Helmer Martin Sortland on 8 Jan 1929. Eliza's children by her marriage to Lamberton were Sidney and Minerva.

Children of Henry Frownfelter and Eliza (Edsal) Lamberton:

A. Ann Catherine Frownfelter b 1843; d in infancy

B. Abigail Jane Frownfelter b 7 Sept 1844; md Samuel R. Bell 17 Jan 1867. Their children: Charles Henry Bell, David Arthur Bell, Samuel Tilden Bell, Mary Eedna Bell and Bessie Irene Bell.

C. John Henry Frownfelter b 24 Feb 1848; died as a result of an accident when 14 years old.

D. Pledice Amanda Frownfelter b 28 Jan. 1854; md William H. Whitmore 2 May 1876, no children.

E. William Craig Frownfelter b 11 July 1855; md spring of 1891 or 1892 to Margaret R. Borer. Their child: Waldo Frownfelter married but no heirs.

F. Mary Florence Frownfelter b 11 July 1859; md 26 Dec. 1879 to Albert Cassius Mitchell. Their children: Effie Mitchell; Roy Henry Mitchell, and Pearl Eliza Mitchell.

Henry and Eliza Frownfelter have no living descendants with the name of Frownfelter. Henry F. must have been married before he md Eliza for in the 1850 census Henry F. showed two daughters, Clariss, 16, and Manerva 11, and since Henry md Eliza in 1840, these could not have been their children. Henry F. made his will 29 Aug 1869 and it was probated 4 Sept 1869.

2. Elizabeth Frownfelter was daughter of John Frownfelter. Mrs. Eula Sortland knew that her great grandfather, Henry had a sister Elizabeth as well as a brother Adam. She recalled the names of cousins Ellen Heppard, Oliva Heppard, Jake Heppard and Charly Heppard. In the 1850 census of Weller Twp Richland Co shows on page 264: Stephen Hepperd age 30 b VA; wife Elizabeth age 31 b PA and children, John 7, Elizabeth 6, Eliza 3, Jacob 1. This may be Elizabeth the daughter of John F. However according to the age given in the census she would have been born in or around 1819. This would have been eight years after the birth of Henry F.

**III. NICHOLAS FROWNFELTER** was b 27 October 1788 in Maidencreek Twp, Berks Co PA. This birth date was figured from his death record that is recorded in *Bloominggrove Twp Cemetery Records, Richland County, Ohio*. According to these records he died 5 Sept. 1852, age 63 yrs, 10 mo, 8 days.

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[REDACTED] It is known that Nicholas was in Dauphin County in 1810 for he married Catherine Poohl at Zion Lutheran Church on 8 May 1810. This record is found in the book, *Records of Pastoral Acts at Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, 1795-1827* translated and edited by Frederick S.

Weiser (1987).

In this same source book is found the birth dates of two of Nicholas' brothers children, Peter and Henry, children of Adam Frownfelter. Nicholas' nephew, Henry, eventually came to Arkansas County, Arkansas and his descendants knew that Henry had been born in Harrisburg in 1820, though they had not known his exact birth date until it was found in this church record.

It is known that Nicholas' brothers Adam and John both lived for a number of years in Dauphin Co (as traced through the census), but no one has worked on Nicholas' line and he is first located by this researcher in the 1820 census of Perry County with a male over 45 living in the household and it is believed that this male was his father, Henry. Evidently the mother, Mary Elizabeth, was already dead. It is known that she was dead by 1823 when the father, Henry, died and Nicholas was the son named to settle his father's estate in Buffalo Twp, Perry Co, PA.

Even though Nicholas was named the administrator of the father's estate he, along with a number of his sisters and brother John had moved to Ohio long before the estate was settled. The estate settlement was not finally achieved until some eight years later.

In the 1830 census Nicholas was in Franklin Twp, Richland County, Ohio with his wife and family, two boys and five girls in the household. In the 1840 census he was living in Bloominggrove Twp, Richland County, and was still there in the 1850 census (on page 162, District 127, Bloominggrove Twp:

91 91 Nixholas Frownfelter (actually spelled that way 61 b in PA

Catharine	"	60 b in PA
Anna	"	39 b in PA
Sarah	"	37 b in PA

The cemetery records mentioned above also show the death of his wife Catharine, as 3 Apr 1877 aged 87 years, 3 months and 8 days. Nicholas made a will (per book entitled *Richland Co. Ohio Abstracts of Wills, 1813-1873*) on 8 May 1851 and left to wife Catharine entire estate including mansion and 50 acres. To his children he left the residue after death of wife. His daughter Anne Freeman was to get a cow in addition to her equal share. Executors were wife Catharine and son William Frownfelter. No other children were named. (Note: Children would probably be named in court records settling his estate upon the death of wife Catharine in 1877.) Both are buried in Evangelical German Reform Cemetery, Bloominggrove Twp Richland Co Ohio.

#### Children of Nicholas and Catharine Poohl Frownfelter:

1. Anna Frownfelter b ca 1811 (census) and she lived with parents in the 1850 census. She married a man named Freeman as she is listed as Anna Freeman in her father's will.
2. Sarah Frownfelter b ca 1813 and she lived with her parents in the 1850 census.
3. Mary Frownfelter b ca 1815 and lived in Bloominggrove Twp and the village of Rome. She married 20 June 1840 at Richland Co Ohio to William Van Horn who was a carpenter and grocer. He was b 1808 and d 1885. Mary d 1891. Both are buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Bloominggrove Twp. Their birth and death records are from the cemetery records. They had two children, Gustavus age 9 in 1850 and Mary age four in 1850. Catharine, her mother and widow of Nicholas Frownfelter was living with this family in the 1870 census.
4. Nancy Frownfelter was b 1819 (census) and she lived in Bloominggrove Twp Richland Co Ohio. She married Jacob Pifer a harnessmaker who ws b ca 1815 in PA. They had nine children: James, John, Joel, Susanna, Nancy, Jacob, Charity or Charlotte, Catharine, and Elizabeth. Charlotte, Catharine and Elizabeth were the only children at home in 1870.
5. William Frownfelter b ca 1829 (census) and he was a clerk in 1850. He lived at Salem, Cass Twp in 1860 census (Richland Co Ohio). He was named in his father's will and his mother Catharine lived with him in the 1860 census. He married Emily \_\_\_\_\_ and she was b ca 1831

which would mean he was born in the 1780s. He probably was older than his brother Nicholas. He was not found in the 1840 or '50 census of Richland Co so he probably died before 1840.

In the **Zion Lutheran Church Records, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co PA 1795-1826**, translated by Frederick S. Weiser, pg 78 is the marriage record of "Johannes Frauenfelder and Catharine Singers" on 25 Oct 1807. It should be noted that John's brother, Adam, was in the above mentioned census and lived in Middle Paxton Twp. Also in the church records mentioned above are the birth records of two of Adam's sons, Peter b 2 Feb 1818 and our Henry b 13 May 1820. Also the marriage of John and Adam's brother Nicholas is also recorded in this book of church records. He married Catharine Poohl--it is recorded thusly: "Nicol. Franenfelder and Cath. Poohl."

On 27 April 1809 John F. and wife Catharine Singer sold land in Upper Paxton Twp Dauphin Co PA. They were living at that time in Halifax Twp Dauphin Co. This land was owned by Catherine Singer Frownfelter's father (dec.), Henry Singer. In the settling of this estate it named her sisters Elizabeth, Barbara and brothers Henry and Abraham. (From Deed Book U-1 pg 354 dated 1816, Dauphin Co PA.)

It is believed that John moved his family to Richland Co Ohio in 1826. On pg 937 of the *History of Richland Co Ohio* by Graham, is found this information: "Adam Frownfelter, son of John was b 13 Jan 1809 in Dauphin Co PA, came to Richland Co with his father in 1826 and laid out lots for the village of New Castle." Mrs Eula M. Sortland, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio (age 80 in 1985) is a great granddaughter of Henry and Eliza Frownfelter. She believes that Henry was born in Dauphin Co PA, came to Mansfield, Richland County, at age 14 ( 1826), and that the above mentioned Adam B 1809 was his brother, and they had a sister, Elizabeth who married a Heppard.

It is not known when the father, John, died. It is probable that John moved his family to Richland Ohio about the same time as his sister, Sophia Frownfelter Kline was in Richland Co and brother Nicholas who lived in Bloomingrove Twp Richland Co in 1840 and in 1830 was in Franklin Twp, Richland Co. Also living in that area at that same time was another sister, Nancy Frownfelter Wittel.

While the census of 1820 shows that John had (at that time) three sons and one daughter, the records and the descendants of these Frownfelters in Ohio could name only three children--two sons, Adam and Henry and one daughter, Elizabeth. Children of John Frownfelter:

1. Adam Frownfelter son of John Frownfelter was b 13 Jan 1809; d 25 April 1881 age 72 yrs. According to *Records of Deaths of Crawford Co Ohio* Vol. 2, pg 44 Adam was a carpenter and joiner b in Dauphin Co PA/ and he died at Jackson, Ohio; cause of death consumption, last residence Cranberry Twp. From the same source is this information on his wife, Elizabeth Martin Frownfelter; married 31 Oct 1834; she died 12 July, 1881 age 66 yrs, 4 months, 18 days. Cause of death measles, place of death Jackson and last residence New Washington, From the *New Washington Herald* "Friday 6 May, 1881. Mr Adam Frownfelter, one of our pioneer settlers, died of old age at his home west of town, last Monday. Deceased was 72 years old. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Millsboro last Wednesday forenoon."

A. Alonzo V. Frownfelter of Jackson, Crawford Co Ohio: His will was written on 18 Nov. 1907 at Crestline, Ohio. He wrote: "I give, devise and bequeath to Electa Alice Frownfelter, my beloved wife, all my personal property and real estate to be hers as long as she remains my widow; and at her remarriage or death, the same to revert to my two daughters, Mrs. Alice Lucretia Morton, and Mrs. Maude Adna Fisher, share and share alike..." (This application is from Probate Court Records of Crawford, County.)

B. Lucretia Frownfelter

C. John Frownfelter

in Ohio. Three known children were shown in the 1860 census: Orville, 5; Ida, 3; and Alice 5 months.

**IV. ADAM FROWNFELTER** was b ca 1790 probably in Maiden Creek Twp Berks Co PA. This is the son through which Bennie Frownfelter Burkett descends and a complete lineage on him is in the next chapter.

**V. HENRY FROWNFELTER** was b ca 1794 and he died 30 Sept 1862 age 68. The following information was compiled by Forrest Brandt, Manitou Springs, CO (he died in 1987) and at this time this is all the information that is available to this writer:

Henry is suspected of being the son of Henry and Maria Elizabeth Kreisher--thought to be their fifth child. According to a sworn statement made before Sam'l Linn in Perry County Court on 2 Jan 1827 by Joseph Wettmer, the attorney for Adam Frownfelter, one of the heirs of Henry Frownfelter, several of the heirs of the deceased had resided in the state of Ohio for four or five years, and two were in Dauphin and one in Cumberland County. It is pretty well established that Sophia, Nancy and Nicholas went to Ohio in the early 1820s. It is also known that in 1820 Adam was in the Paxton Twp, Dauphin County and John was in Halifax Twp Dauphin County. With three of the six in Ohio, two in Dauphin Co, only one, Henry, is left to account for. Thus it appears reasonable to conclude that the one in Cumberland County in 1827 had to be Henry Frownfelter.

The 1820 census index for Pennsylvania does not show a Henry in Cumberland County, but a Henry is shown in Bethel Twp of Lebanon County, ages 16-23, and a female age 26-44, and 2 females under 10. The ages of the man and woman could very well be Henry and Elizabeth. The 1830 census index doesn't show Henry or John in Pennsylvania but it does not show Adam in Middle Paxton Twp of Dauphin County. (Brandt then states that he had not searched the Cumberland County census to see if Henry was shown therein.)

In the 1850 census Henry is found in the family of Jonas Eschelberger on page 292, East Pennsboro Twp Cumberland County. He is age 56, but wife Elizabeth is not in the same household. This final information from *DAR Cemetery Records of Shermanstown, Camp Hill, Silver Springs, Cumberland County: Buried at St. John's of Shiremanstown, East Pennsboros*:

Henry Frownfelter b ca 1794; d 30 Sept 1862, age 68

Elizabeth Frownfelter (his wife) b 19 Apr 1784; d 21 Feb 1853

**VI. NANCY FROWNFELTER** was b ca 1800; d 28 March 1875 at Cranberry Twp Crawford Co Ohio. She married Michael Wittel who was b 24 July 1797 at Wurtemburg, Germany. He died 11 Dec 1877 at Cranberry Twp Crawford Co Ohio. It is believed that Nancy Frownfelter Wittel and husband moved to Ohio about the same time as her sister Sophia and brothers Nicholas and John. Nancy and husband had five children:

1. Nicholas Wittel
2. John Wittel
3. Mary E. Wittel
4. Catharine Wittel b 1833; md 21 Jan 1851 to Michael Seydel/Sidell
  - A. Andrew Sidell
  - B. Almira Sidell
  - C. Eiza Sidell
  - D. Mary E. Sidell
5. Nancy A. Wittel

A note in the *Frownfelter News-Finder Newsletter* for November 1984 says. "Miss June Ferguson, 5663 Star Rt. 103, New Washington, Ohio 44854 has excellent information on the descendants of Nancy and Michael Wittel."

**PRIMARY SOURCE RECORDS ON THE PATRIOT HENRY FROWNFELTER, Sr.**

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<i>Ernst Grise.</i>	
<i>Sergents.</i>	
William Shemer, artillerist.	Christian Shemer.
Jacob Briner.	
<i>Corporals.</i>	
Christian Setly.	Frederick Nagle.
<i>Drummers.</i>	
George Marks.	
<i>Privates.</i>	
George Longkammer.	Henry Baity.
Christian Dime.	Jacob Bayer.
William Freymeyer.	Simon Bayer.
George Frey.	Joseph Peterick.
John Seyler.	Henry Leh, sick.
John Hess.	Jacob Alter, sick.
Peter Dies.	Daniel Rhein.
Anthony Schrock.	Pont Egs.
Jacob Young.	Dengel Bontzler.
Dwight Miller.	

CAPTAIN SCHEFFER'S COMPANY.

*A full and exact list of Captain Scheffer's Company of the First Battalion of Berks County Militia, at Newtown, January 20, 1777.*

<i>Captain.</i>	Nicholas Scheffer.
<i>Lieutenants.</i>	John King.
<i>Ensign.</i>	Abraham Bay.
<i>Sergents.</i>	Christian Barrustine.
Christopher Baldy.	
Marius Gernandt.	

ASSOCIATED BATTALIONS

<i>Corporals.</i>	John Graver.
<i>Jacob Rosser,</i>	
<i>Jacob Werner,</i>	
<i>John Boeser.</i>	Adam Reichard.
<i>Henry Frauenfelder.</i>	John Klein.
<i>Jacob Hay.</i>	Valentine Miller.
<i>Jacob Leibensleger.</i>	Paul Bartel, sick.
<i>George Heller.</i>	Conrad Karchner.
<i>George Mitz.</i>	Henry Schre.
<i>George Schreier.</i>	Joseph Rabin.
<i>George Adam Schneider.</i>	William Koch.
<i>Christina Getzschl.</i>	John Druckel.
<i>Mathias Sonnenholz.</i>	Michael Kreck.
<i>Daniel Bothornell.</i>	Adam Mingel.
<i>Felix Frauenfelder.</i>	Thomas Conner.
<i>Henry Roigek.</i>	

BERKS COUNTY MILITIA, 1777.

FIRST BATTALION.

<i>Colonel.</i>	Daniel Hunter, May 17, 1777.
<i>Lieutenant Colonel.</i>	John Goldin, May 17, 1777.
<i>Major.</i>	John Conius, May 17, 1777.
<i>Adjutant.</i>	Philip Bertolette, May 17, 1777.
<i>Chaplain.</i>	Jacob Michael, May 17, 1777.
<i>Quartermaster.</i>	Isaac Feick (Feather), May 17, 1777.

Henry Frownfelter and his older brother Felix were both in Captain Schepper's Company of Berk's Co. PA Militia. Bennie (Burkett) Frownfelter and Elsie Marie (Hargrove) Frownfelter were the first two persons to prove Henry Frownfelter as a Revolutionary War soldier for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Laura Elizabeth Burkett (Bennie's granddaughter) went in Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) on the service of her ggggg grandfather Henry F. in 1992 when she was one month old.

From: "Berks County Marriages, 1730-1800", Frederic G. Paul  
& Jeffrey J. Howell, 1986. Vol. I NP Publishers

Page 74- 31Mch1767, Adam Kreischer & Sophia Feick, Windsor Township, Rev. William Boos

Page 56- 6Apr 1764, Jacob Kreisher & Catharina Shlier, Windsor Township, Rev. William Boos

Page 64- 26Mch1786, Daniel Rieser & Susanna Kraushaar, Medencreek (Maidencreek Township), Rev. Wm. Boos

Page 42- 19Dec1780, Henrich Frauenfelder & Maria Elisabetha Kreisher, Windsor Township, Rev. Wm. Boos

Page 80- 17Aug1790, Henrich Richel & Catharina Kreischer, Windsor Township, Rev. Wm. Boos

Halifax in Dauphin Co. PA

across river from  
New Buffalo in Perry Co. PA

This is a statement made by the Patriot Henry's son and namesake Henry Frownfelter, Jr. who was in 1829 living in Halifax, Dauphin Co., PA just across the river from his deceased father's home. This was six years after the father's death--the estate still had not been settled!

Halifax Novemb'r the 12 1829. This is to certify further  
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Interest that chance in the estate of my Father Henry  
Frownfelter Decreed late of Perry County the Ant,  
being prophan to each heir as will appear in the offi  
at Bloomfield to Robert Barnes and dae empowher him  
to collect the same and receive it as it be comes due  
Witness my hand and seal the date above  
Hold my Reciecomable to Barnes for all cost he  
may be at in collecting the above.  
Widels  
M. Barnes  
Benjamin Barnes

Henry F. Frownfelter Paul

Found in File F-27 Bloomfield courthouse, Perry Co. Pa.

This proof of the marriage of the Patriot Henry Frownfelter to Maria Elisabetha Kreisher was found in the records kept by Lutheran minister Rev. Wm. Boos. This minister married most of Henry's brothers and sisters.

From: "Daniel Schumacher's Baptismal Register", translated  
Frederick S.-Weiser, Publications of the Pennsylvania  
German Society, Volume I, 1968.

Page 27- Maria Elisabeth  
bp. Mch 27, 1758  
Oley Hills

Johann Nicolaus Kreuscher &  
Maria Catharina

sponsors: Philipp Kreuscher & Maria Elisabeth

Proof of birth and parents of Henry's wife Maria Elisabeth Kreuscher

Perry County, Pa

PA

Joseph Weltmer being sworn according to law doth  
depose that he is the attorney for Adam Frounfetter  
one of the heirs of Henry Frounfetter that the several  
of the heirs of said deceased in the state of Ohio  
and have resided there between four & five years  
to the best of deponent's belief - or two in Dauphin & one  
in Cumberland County. That from every information  
he has had, he verily believes that they had no  
notice of ~~the~~ the meeting of the auditor on

Proof that Adam<sup>4</sup> was son of Henry<sup>3</sup>. Also lists where Henry's other  
children were living while Henry's estate was being settled.

May the Seventeenth day of November Eight hundred  
and twenty eight the instant named Property sold  
to John Callan for Six hundred and Forty three  
Dollars agreeable to the wills of said

John and Anna Frounfetter } administrators

Henry's property is sold in Buffalo Gap Perry County PA - five years  
after his death. As it later shows in 1829 Perry Co. Court Records there  
was a lawsuit and the heirs got little or no money!

An inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels rights  
and credits which were of Henry D. Brownfield late of  
Buffalo Township Perry County deceased taken  
and appraised this eight day of May Anno Domini 1823

	\$ - Cents
Wearing Apparel	14-12 1/2
One - Steer	05
One Haiffer	05
One Bull	05 50
One Haiffer	03
One Haiffer	03
One Bull	02 50
One Mare	25
One Horse	06 50
Five Sheep - Eighty Cents per head	04
Three Collars at Seventy five cents per collar	02 25
One pair of half traces and side straps	03 50
One pair of hounds traces and back bands	02
One hip strap with hooks	50
One pair of hounds traces and back bands	03 50
One pair of half traces and side	03 50
One pair of breast chains	00 80
One leather line	00 25
One Curry comb and brush	00 12 1/2
Three - Pouches Brackets	01
One Padle	01 25
One Straugh Knife	00 20
One Straugh cutting Box	02 75
One whet stone	00 10
One Wind Mill	12
One Iron hay fork	00 37 1/2
One Rake	00 06
One Lock chain	01
One pair of trench chains	01 25
One Cane Riddle	00 25
One wooden Gun	00 25
Four Cow Chaining	04 33
One Stabel	02 50
One Gran Pot	01
One Gran Kettle	03
One grid Iron	00 50
One Wooden bucket	00 25
Two Cow Stalls	00 50
One lantern	00 20
One wooden Butter Bal	00 40
One Cake plate	00 12 1/2
One Canteen	00 50
Two Baskets	00 10
One Drilled pan	00 30

One	Spill		0.0	20
One	pair of Iron tongs		0.0	25
two	Bridles		0.1	75
One	wagon whips		0.0	50
one	drawing knife		0.0	62 1/2
one	lot of old Iron		0.1	25
One	Hay Spade		0.0	50
One	Chest		0.2	
One	Spinning wheel		0.0	75
One	lot of Shoemaker tools		0.1	50
One	Keel		0.0	25
One	ten plate stove and pipe		1.3	00
One	lot of Books		0.2	50
One	Razors and strap		0.0	37 1/2
One	Spinning wheel		0.0	25
One	pair of Tongue & cot rack		0.0	62 1/2
One	Small cupboard		0.2	
two	Bottles		0.0	25
One	Silver watch		0.3	
one	Beet and Beet stand		0.8	
One	Beet Egg		0.1	
Eight	Bags		0.2	
One	half Bushel		0.0	10
five	flower easels		0.0	30
one	Chair		0.0	37 1/2
One	Chair		0.0	50
one	Chair		0.0	03
three	Chairs		0.1	50
One	Shovel		0.0	62 1/2
Two	Dung forks		0.0	75
One	dung hook		0.0	30
One	Gribbing hand		0.0	75
Three	Hilling hawes		0.0	37 1/2
One	double tree & two single trees		0.1	
One	Champling iron		0.0	37 1/2
One	clutch Soren		0.0	25
One	hopper & p train		0.0	37 1/2
One	Iron cross bar		0.0	37 1/2
One	post axt		0.0	25
One	pair of Hapids		0.0	25
One	double tree		0.0	12 1/2
One	Chimney crook		0.0	87 1/2
Three	Bread baskets		0.1	75
One	hotter Chair		0.0	30
One	clito	clito	0.0	30
One	tar bucket		0.0	25
One	hand screw		0.1	
One	field of rye Number 1 per acre		0.2	62 1/2
One	field of rye number 2 per acre		0.2	62 1/2

One pair of 100 Head Number 3 per acre	0 3 50
One Six quarter auger	0 0 50
One inch auger	0 0 37 1/2
One three quarter auger	0 0 25
One Stake	0 0 30
One Young Chain	0 0 25
One Barrel	0 0 37 1/2
One axt	0 0 37 1/2
One meat tub	0 0 40 1/2
One wheel Barrow	0 0 37 1/2
One Churn	0 0 06
Two Cedar Barrels	0 1
One speckled tub	0 0 25
One washing tub	0 0 75
One lot of Iron Rings and Boxes	0 1
One Coffe e	0 0 31
One lot of Iron art	0 0 12 1/2
One iron Hatch and Steeple	0 0 12 1/2
One plough and Cleavers	0 4 50
One Sycamore tree	0 0 25
One horrow	2 1
One Streetfier	0 1
One log Chair	0 2

Exhibited into the Registry office at Landisburgh May the 31<sup>st</sup> 1823

By — Nicholas Frownfelter, administrator  
Appraised By — George Bader

The Appraisers John Straw  
Received May the 30<sup>th</sup> 1823 before me

Nicholas Baird Abraham Tschitten Signer

Copy of the inventory of Henry Frownfelter's "goods and chattels rights" as listed on 8 May, 1823. The administrator, Nicholas Frownfelter, was one of Henry's sons. Nicholas, his parents and his brothers and sisters signed their names sometimes in German script and sometimes in English. Note from the above that Nicholas Frownfelter signed this at the courthouse at Landisburg which was the county seat of Perry County in 1823--later it was moved to the present site at New Bloomfield, PA. These inventories graphically show us the simple lifestyle our ancestors had some 175 years ago.

Copy of the sale bill found in the estate file at the Perry County Courthouse in Bloomfield, PA of Henry Frownfelter, Revolutionary War soldier who fought from Berks Co., PA. He moved from Berks County to Perry County around 1810 and died in Buffalo Township probably in April 1823--his estate was inventoried May 8, 1823. Henry's son Nicholas was the administrator and by the time it was finally settled nine years later, Nicholas and siblings John, Sophia and Nancy had all moved to Richland and Crawford counties in Ohio--our Adam was at Harrisburg and Henry was nearby.

## ORPHANS' COURT

# SALE

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Perry county,  
will be exposed to sale by public outcry, on the premises, on

**Saturday the 17th of May next,**  
at ten o'clock, A. M. the following described REAL ESTATE,  
late of **HENRY FROWNFELTER**, late of Buffaloe township,  
deceased, to wit:

### *A Tract of Land,*

Situate in Buffaloe township, Perry county, bounded by lands of  
Samuel Albright, John Baskins, Richard Baird, Esq. and others,  
containing

**87 ACRES,**

And allowance, be the same more or less, with a good two story

### **LOG HOUSE**

### **& Kitchen, & a Double log Barn**

Thereon erected—about 30 acres of said land is cleared, with  
some Meadow, and a young apple orchard—with several good  
springs of water convenient to the house. Attendance will be given  
and terms of sale made known by

**Nicholas Frownfelter,**

Administrator of said dec'd.

*By the Court.—W. B. MITCHELL, Clerk.*

*April 19, 1828.*

A. MAGEE, PRINTER—Landisburg.

House  
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Perry County is of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
To the Sheriff of Perry County Greeting  
Whereas at an Orphans Court held at  
Landisburg for the County of Perry on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of May AD 1823 before the Honorable  
John Keen esq; and his Associate Judge  
of the same Court S.

5 May  
1823Henry  
Fraunfelter  
died prior  
to this date

The Petition of Nicholas Fraunfelter one of the Sons and  
Heirs at Law of Henry Fraunfelter late of Buffalo Township  
Perry County deceased, was read to the Court, stating that the  
said Henry Fraunfelter, lately and since the late entitlable Act  
of the Commonwealth passed in the Year of our Lord 1804, died  
Intestate, leaving at the time of his death several in his demur-  
ral office, of and in a certain tract of Land situated in Perry  
County, bounded by Lands of Samuel Allbright,  
John Barker and others, containing eighty seven acres, and  
belonging, by the same now or less, leaving no widow, but four  
to wit, Nicholas the petitioner John Adam, Henry Fetter  
intervened with John Klein and Nancy intermarried  
with Michael Bittle, and that the petitioner is desirous, that  
the Shares and Interests of the Heirs and legal Representatives of  
the said deceased in the said tract of Land, should be ascertained  
separately enjoyed by them, and Prays the Court to ap-  
point an Inquest to make Partition or Valuation of the  
said tract of Land agreeably to Law. The Court on due con-  
sideration accordingly - Therefore we command  
the said Sheriff of Perry County As we commanded

Wrong &  
done

Your Predecessor. That taking with You several honest and  
lawful Men of your Bailiwick You go to and upon the  
premisses agreeable, and thereby their Deaths or Otherwise when You  
make Partition thereof to and among the Children and legal  
Representatives of the said deceased, in such manner and in  
such Proportions as by the Laws of this Commonwealth  
is directed, If such Partition can be made without  
prejudice to or spoiling the whole, but if such Partition  
cannot be made in manner aforesaid, Then You  
Value and Appraise the same according to Law.

And further that You cause the same Inventories to be made  
and ascertainment whether the said Real Estate with the  
Appurtenances, will conveniently accommodate more than  
one of the said Children of the said Intestate ~~and if~~  
so how many of the Children it will accommodate.  
That due Notice of the time of making such Partition or  
Valuation be given to all the parties Interested And  
that You make Return of your Proceedings to the next  
General Orphans Court later held at Lancaster on

The first Monday of February next. And have You done  
thus this 1st. 1823. witness the Honorable John Reed

Esq; President of our said Courts this 19th day of

December A D 1823.

6 Dec.  
1823

J. Henry Miller  
Ch. Orphans

Inquisition Indented and taken at the dwelling  
House  
late of Henry Brownfelter dec'd in the Township of  
Buffalo in the County of Perry and State of  
Pennsylvania on the twenty seventh day of January  
in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and twenty four before Jesse Miller Esq.  
High Sheriff of the said County of Perry  
Entice of a Writ of Partition and Valuation he  
him directed and to this Inquisition annexed  
by the Oaths and Affirmations of Richard Band  
Reuben Abraham Howe John McGinnis Robert Baskins  
Oliver Baskins John Brady James Shields Samuel  
Bair George Leidick Samuel Albright John Straus  
& George Potter

27 Jan.  
1824

twelve free honest and lawfull men of his Balswick  
whom on their oaths and affirmations aforesaid reported  
Do say that on the day and year aforesaid they were  
to and upon the lands and tenements of which Henry  
Brownfelter in the said Writ mentioned died seized of  
there said lands and tenements could  
not be parted and divided to and amongst the children  
in the said Writ named without prejudice to or sparing  
of the whole thereof - And therefore the Inquest aforesaid  
On their Oaths and Affirmations aforesaid have valued  
And Appraised the same at the sum of Five  
hundred & twenty two dollars & Sixty Cents  
lawfull money of the United States at 3 for which sum  
of Five hundred & twenty two dollars & Sixty Cents more or less  
the Inquest aforesaid upon their Oaths and Affirmations  
as Value and Appraise the same -

In Testimony whereof as well the said

**ADAM FROWNFELTER**  
**Son of Henry Frownfelter, the Patriot, and wife Maria Elizabeth Kreisher**  
**Adam<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup>**

**Adam Frownfelter** was born in 1790 (according to the census), and was probably born in Maiden Creek or Windsor Twp in Berks Co PA. We know that his parents, Henry and Maria Elizabeth Frownfelter were married 19 December 1780 in that area, and in the 1790 census they already had one daughter (Sophia b ca 1781) and three sons (Nicholas b 1788, John and either Henry Jr. or Adam.)

It is not known when Adam's parents left Berks Co PA but it is known that Adam's father Henry, bought land around 1807 in Perry Co PA. So far the place of the marriage of Adam to Hester has not been located, nor has Hester's maiden name been determined. It is believed that they were married around 1812 for their first know child, Maria, was born ca 1814 (census). Adam and Hester are first shown as a family in the 1820 census where they are found living in the Middle Paxton Twp, Dauphin Co PA. At this time they had two males under 10, two females under 10 and an extra female "over 45". From the census it appears that Hester was born ca 1794.

Adam and Hester continued to live in the Harrisburg area until after the 1830 census where it is known that they had one son under 5, one son 5-10, two sons 10-15, and one daughter under 5, one daughter 5-10, and two daughters 10-15. Their last child, a son , Adam Augusta, was not born until 1831. At the courthouse at Harrisburg, records show that Adam bought 10 acres of land in Upper Paxton Twp Dauphin Co PA on 25 April 1827 (Deed Bk. D Vol 2.) This township is directly across the Susquehanna River from Buffalo Twp Perry Co where it is known that Adam's father Henry, died in 1823, but Adam evidently never moved to Upper Paxton Twp since he was still in Harrisburg in 1830..

Birth records for two of Adam's children were found in the Zion Lutheran Church records of Harrisburg, PA (1795-1826). These records were written in German and the pastor at that time was George Lockman. These records have been translated and published by Dr. Frederick S. Weiser. Adam and Hester's sons whose births were recorded at this church were Peter b 2 Feb. 1818 and my great grandfather, Henry b 13 May 1820. Two of Adam Frownfelter's brothers' marriages are also recorded in these Zion Lutheran Church records: John Frownfelter married Catharine Singer there 25 Oct. 1807 and Nicholas Frownfelter married Catharine Poohl there 8 May 1810. This recently found translation of these church records verify what Henry's daughter-in-law, Amanda King Frownfelter, wrote in her little family record book in the 1880s. She simply stated that "Henry Frownfelter was born in Harrisburg PA in 1820." This was after the family had all moved to Arkansas County. Arkansas--unfortunately she did not give any information on her husband's mother, Jane, even though she too, was living at the time.

It is not known when Adam and Hester moved their family to Lafayette. Indiana, but their youngest child Adam Augustus was born in PA in 1831. It appears that all their children moved to Indiana with them, but at least one daughter had already married, for in the 1850 census, Adam and Hester's daughter, Maria Driscoll has a 16-year-old son , Timothy who had been born in PA. It is known that they were living in Lafayette, Indiana in 1840 (census) when only two sons and

two daughters were still living at home.

Adam Frownfelter was always shown in the census as a carpenter and all of his sons seemed to have followed their fathers profession as cabinet makers, carpenters and/or brickmasons. The only exception was Adam's son, Joseph, who was shown as a teacher in the census.

It is interesting to note that Adam's son, Henry, who was 63 years old when he came to Arkansas County, Arkansas, brought his masonry tools with him. He probably never used his tools here as he homesteaded land some 15 miles from the closest town. My father, Edward Benjamin Frownfelter, a grandson of Henry, remembers seeing the old masonry tools and he kept his grandfather's masonry trowel which now belongs to me (BFB).

By the time the 1870 census was taken in Lafayette, both Adam and wife, Hester, were dead. No record of the death of Adam could be found, but it is known that he was alive in the 1860 census and was not listed in the 1870 census. It is believed that Adam Frownfelter probably died in 1866 for it was noted in the Deed Book of that period that Hester Frownfelter and her children were selling various lots to different children in the family. For instance in Deed Book #50 page 433 dated 26 Nov. 1866 the children and their spouses and their mother sold lot #16 in the Cabot and Huntington Addition to another child, Anna Elizabeth Cole. No mention was made of the father, Adam.

In September 1990 Bennie and Elsie Marie (Frownfelter) made a trip to Lafayette and did further research. During this trip they were able to get into the Tippacanoe County Historical Society's holdings which are in a separate building from the courthouse. It is the practice in this county to place all early records from the courthouse to the Historical Society's building and museum. This building is open only on certain days, and then only for short hours.

But from this source we found the exact date of Hester's funeral. In the Frownfelter file was found the original statement from "T. Baker, Dr. for three carriages for funeral of Mrs. Frownfelter on December 13 1869.....\$12." Also in this file was a statement from Dr. M..S. Scudder for "attendance to funeral of Hester Frownfelter....\$6, On Scudder's letterhead it stated he was "undertaker and dealer in furniture", so he probably was also an embalmer. In the settling of the estate of Hester F. there was a receipt from her son Peter V. Frownfelter for receiving payment from the estate "for \$20 advanced by me for the coffin for the burial of deceased."

Hester made her will on 8 May 1869 and probably died a day or so before her funeral on 13 Dec 1869. Her will was probated on 31 Jan 1870 when two of the three witnesses to the writing of the will swore in court that they had seen Mrs. Frownfelter sign her last will. From her will we were able to prove the names of her children and even some of her grandchildren. After all the bequests had been fulfilled as stated in her will, the remainder was divided, as directed, equally among her surviving children. A signed statement from each of these children showed that they got a final settlement that varied, but the \$75.33 that Henry got was about average. James A. Cole, the husband of Hester's daughter Ann Elizabeth Cole was in charge of the settlement, although no paper was found naming him the executor/administrator. The surviving sons were Peter V. and Henry, and the daughters were Ann Elizabeth Cole, Maria R. Driscoll and Sophia

Stout. Her children that predeceased her were John G., Joseph, Adam Augusta and Susan.

During our visit there in 1990 we checked the site of all the early cemeteries and were told that the oldest was probably what is now known as The Old Settler's Cemetery which was earlier known as the City Cemetery. At the cemetery sexton's office we found that they had kept a card file on all the lots ever sold and they also had many cards for those buried there. But no record of the burial of Adam or Hester could be found; however most of the children of this couple had bought lots there in the 1840 and 1850s. Our Henry Frownfelter had bought a 16x16 ft. Lot there in 1850 and their records did not show that anyone had been buried there and we found no grave markers on the lot. The sexton told us that any of Henry Frownfelter's heirs could claim the lot!! A plaque at the entry to the grounds now states that most of Lafayette's early settlers are buried in this cemetery. It is beautifully kept and is enclosed by an iron fence. The only Frownfelter marker that can now be read is that of John Frownfelter who died 28 April 1847--he was Adam and Hester's son.

The two trips to Tippacanoe Co Ind. by my sister and me revealed much about the Frownfelter family even though we have yet to find any descendants of any of the eight children who lived to maturity except, of course, our ancestor, Henry, a son of this couple. The land records at the courthouse at Lafayette showed that Adam and Hester bought and sold many pieces of property in that town, and most of their children owned property there also. The records indicate that they made an excellent living there. The family probably remained active in the Lutheran Church there in Lafayette but Henry, his son, most likely never went to the Lutheran Church after leaving there, for there were no Lutheran churches in the area where he moved to in Missouri nor Arkansas.

While we were in Lafayette in 1990 we went to the section of town where Adam and Hester owned a number of lots. Most of their land records indicated they lived at 15th and Hartford Avenue, which was at that time in the 4th Ward. Today that entire block on one side of the street is a paved parking lot for a large hospital that is on the other side of the street. According to the land descriptions, Adam and Hester and eventually their children owned all lots on this block on both sides of the street. It is located not far from the downtown area of today. The 15th and Hartford Ave. area is still well kept and prosperous looking with a number of brick homes and businesses that could very well have been built by the Frownfelters around the Civil War era.

The 1876-1877 Lafayette City Directory (copies in the Lafayette City Library) lists only two Frownfelter families--that of our Henry who was listed as a mason and living at the same address was a John Frownfelter also a mason. This John was probably Henry's son John, who by that time would have been around 20 years of age and already married as he had a son, Arthur, who was born ca 1876.

#### **Children of Adam and Hester ----- Frownfelter (All born in Pennsylvania)**

- I. Maria R. Frownfelter b ca 1814
- II. Sophia Frownfelter b ca 1815
- III. Peter V. Frownfelter b 2 Feb. 1818
- IV. **HENRY FROWNFELTER** b. 13 May 1820
- V. John G. Frownfelter b 23 May 1823
- VI. Ann Elizabeth Frownfelter b. ca 1825
- VII. Joseph Frownfelter b. ca 1827
- VIII. Susan Frownfelter b. ca 1829
- IX. Adam Augusta (Gustavus) Frownfelter b. ca 1831

I. MARIA R. FROWNFELTER b ca 1814; md John Driscoll; he is shown as having been born in Ireland and she in PA. John Driscoll was probably dead by the time the estate of Maria's mother was settled for he did not sign with her on the receipt for her inheritance. Their children as shown in the 1850:

1. Timothy Driscoll b ca 1834 in PA
2. Peter M. Driscoll b ca 1838 in Indiana
3. John Driscoll b ca 1842 in Indiana
4. Adam Driscoll b ca 1843 "
5. Susannah Driscoll b ca 1848

It is not clear whether Joanna and Susannah are the same person--Joanna is not listed in the 1850 census, but in the 1860 census she is shown living with her grandparents, Adam and Hester Frownfelter and she is then 12 years old. In her grandmother's will Joanna is listed as a "granddaughter who has already received real estate." The other children of Maria are not mentioned in the grandmother's will. In the 1850 census Maria and Anna (sisters) are shown living very close to their parents in the 4th Ward of Lafayette.

II. SOPHIA FROWNFELTER b ca 1815 in PA (probably in Harrisburg); md McCalley Stout on 11 Jan 1838 by Justice of Peace (recorded in Marriage Bk K pg 53, Tippacanoe Co Ind). By the 1850 census Sophia and family were living in the city of Louisville, KY in the 8th Ward, and they were living in that town in January 1869 when her mother made her will. In the will she states ".....and to make my daughter Sophia Stout equal with them (referring to her other children already listed in the will) I hereby give and bequeath to her a note given by McCawley (sic) Stout her husband and the interest thereon." He was listed as a bricklayer. Their children shown in the census were:

1. Hester E. Stout b ca 1839 Ind.
2. Alonzo C. Stout b ca 1841 KY
3. Elizabeth V. Stout b ca 1843 KY
4. John Stout b ca 1845 KY
5. Sarah M. Stout b ca 1848 KY

III. PETER V. FROWNFELTER was b 2 Feb 1818 and his birth is recorded in the Zion Lutheran Church records in Harrisburg, PA. In the 1850 census he and his wife were found in Iroquois Co Illinois (census Dist. #21 pg. 150), and he was listed as a cabinet maker. His wife was Mary E. ---- b ca 1819 in NY. Living in the same household were two children and two male adults, but none had the Frownfelter name. He loaned \$20 to buy the coffin for his mother and the records show that he was repaid at the settlement of her estate. His death date is not known.

IV. HENRY FROWNFELTER b 13 May 1820 and his birth is recorded in the Zion Lutheran Church records in Harrisburg PA. This is the great grandfather of Bennie and Elsie Marie Frownfelter and a full review of his life, as far as is known, is given in the next chapter. He was married to Jane Hall in Lafayette Ind on 18 May 1845. They moved from Lafayette to Quincy, Hickory Co MO ca 1878 and then in 1883 moved to Arkansas Co Arkansas. Their children were

1. Hester Ellen Frownfelter b ca 1846 Ind
2. Josephine Frownfelter b ca 1852 Ind. She died before they came to Arkansas.
3. **GEORGE HOWARD FROWNFELTER** b 29 Dec 1852. This is the grandfather of Elsie Marie and Bennie Frownfelter. A complete line on him follows.
4. John Townsend Frownfelter b ca 1856 IL

5. William H. Frownfelter b ca 1858 in IL
  6. James A. Frownfelter b in Sept. 1862 in Ind.; died 1937 in Perkins, OK
- V. John G. Frownfelter b 23 May, 1823 in PA; d 27 or 28 April 1847 in Lafayette Ind buried in City Cemetery--now called the Old Settlers Cemetery in Lafayette. In Marriage Bk I pg 89 Tippacanoe Co IN is recorded his marriage to Caroline Whitney on 28 Dec 1846. In the files at the Tippacanoe Co Historical society was found a statement dated 19 Aug 1848 that Adam Frownfelter, father of J.G. Frownfelter deceased was "paid \$306 board for keeping his son from the time he was 21 (May 23 1843) until his death (April 27 1847) being a period of three years, eleven months and four days at \$1.50 per week." From John's mothers will we know that John had a wife and a son John F. Frownfelter. In a 1850 deed book was found where Caroline, widow of deceased John Frownfelter sold a half interest in Lot #75 in Cabot and Huntington Addition to Adam A. Frownfelter for \$250. It also stated that there was a son, John Francis. At the Old Settler's Cemetery was found a record where John G. And Adam A. Shared the cost of a lot and now in 1990 John G. Frownfelter's marker is the only Frownfelter marker still legible in the cemetery. After John's death his widow, Caroline, probably moved to Branch Co Michigan for in the 1850 census a Caroline Frownfelter age 25 b in NY is living in the household of Joshua Whitney age 68 and wife Hulda age 59 along with two other females and one male. There was no mention of Caroline and John Frownfelter's so John Francis Frownfelter.

VI. ANN ELIZABETH (ELIZA) FROWNFELTER b ca 1825 in PA; md James E. Cole 9 Nov 1843 in Lafayette IN. In the marriage record she is listed as Eliza Frownfelter. Her husband was listed in the 1850 census as being a carpenter b in NY. In this census they were living very close to her parents in the 4th Ward. James Cole was in charge of settling the estate of his wife's mother although no records could be found of his appointment, and Hester did not name an executor in her will. Children listed in the 1850 census:

1. Floretta Cole b ca 1844 IN
2. William A. Cole five months old; b IN

VII. Joseph Frownfelter b ca 1827 in PA. In the 1850 census he was living with his parents in the 4th Ward, Lafayette and he was listed as a teacher. According to his mother's will in 1860 he had already died and he left no heirs.

VIII. SUSAN FROWNFELTER b ca 1829 PA; d 2 Nov 1844 age 15 years. This information was found in the card file at the Old Settler's Cemetery, but her marker is no longer legible.

IX. ADAM AUGUSTUS FROWNFELTER b ca 1831 in PA; d before 1869. In his mother's will it is mentioned that he was deceased and "his only surviving son James A. Frownfelter" was to share in his grandmother's estate. When Adam (also sometimes listed as Gustavus) made his will on 17 Nov 1868 he was at Frankfort, Clinton Co IL

From information gathered through the census and Hester Frownfelter's will we are able to determine the names of the male grandchildren of Adam and Hester Frownfelter--those that might have carried on the Frownfelter line:

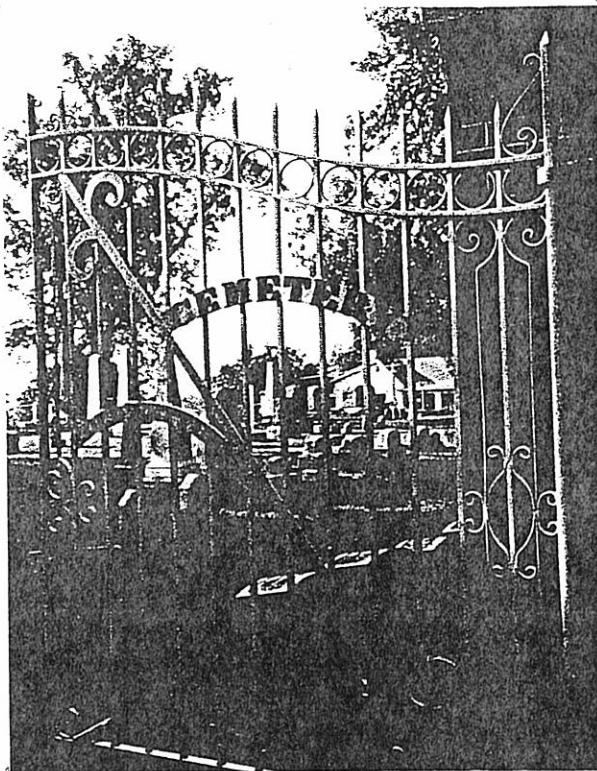
1. John Francis Frownfelter--son of John G. Frownfelter who may have died by the 1850 census, if it were his mother, Caroline Frownfelter, that is listed in the Whitney household in Michigan--this Caroline did not have a son listed with her.
2. James A. Frownfelter--only son of Adam Augustus Frownfelter--nothing further is known on this line except he was still alive when his grandmother Hester Frownfelter made her will in January 1869.

3. George Howard Frownfelter--son of Henry Frownfelter--George left four sons, none of whom had any male heirs.

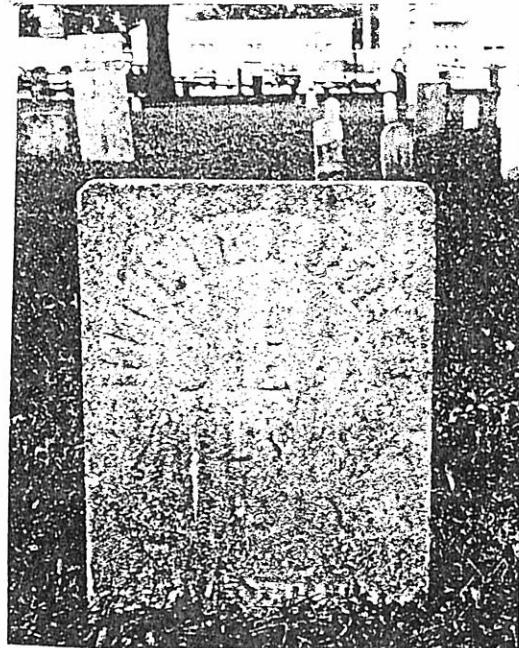
4. John Townsend Frownfelter--son of Henry Frownfelter. This is probably the only male heir leaving male children who still has a male Frownfelter living today! John Townsend Frownfelter had a son Arthur who had two sons and one of those sons had two sons, so there are probably heirs in this line. John T. Had another son Henry who had two sons, one had only girls but the other one had a son and a daughter. It is known that this son now has a son and two daughters. That son lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the 1980s. For more information on this line see John Townsend Frownfelter in the next chapter as a son of Henry and Jane Hall Frownfelter.

5. William H. Frownfelter--son of Henry and Jane Frownfelter--never married

6. James A. Frownfelter--son of Henry and Jane Frownfelter--had no children.



This is the entry gate to the Old Settlers Cemetery in Lafayette Indiana. The Frownfelters all owned lots here. Henry F. who is buried in Coffield Cem. in Ark. Co. AR still owns a vacant lot in this cemetery.



The only Frownfelter stone still legible is for son John F. who died 27/28 Apr. 1847. He left a son John Francis F. who may have left heirs. The cemetery is well kept and a sexton is on duty and has records of the purchase of lots but not all burials.

Lafayette Ind August 19, 1865  
J. G. Frownfelter deceased

To Adam Frownfelter his  
father for boarding from the time he  
was 21 (1843 May 23) until his death  
(1847 April 27) became (a period of three years  
eleven months and four days. at \$1.50 per  
week; amounting to \$356.00. From this I  
am willing that all expenses that can be proven  
shall be deducted.

*Adam. x Frownfelter*

Received by James A. Cole administrator  
with the will annexed  
of the Estate of Hester Frownfelter  
deceased the sum of twenty  
Dollars money advanced  
by me to pay for the coffin  
for burial of deceased,  
\$20.00

Peter V. Frownfelter

Proof that Adam's son John G. was ill and lived with his parents for three years before his death in 1847. John's grave marker is still legible in Old Settler's Cemetery in Lafayette.

Adam and Hester's son paid in advance for the coffin for his mother and was paid back out of the estate. This was son Peter V. Frownfelter. No further records have been found for this line

Lafayette, Ind., May 30 1871  
Mr. J. A. Cole Exr. of the Esr. of Mrs. Frownfelter  
To M. S. Scudder, Dr.  
UNDERTAKER and DEALER IN FURNITURE,  
No. 104 MAIN STREET.

Fr. Attendance to funeral	6 m.		
Recd Paym	6 m.	Scudder	

The actual bills for the payment of expenses following the death of Hester Frownfelter were found in the estate file of Hester at the Tippacanoe County Historical library in Lafayette, Ind.

MONTHLY STATEMENT.

Lafayette, Ind., Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1870  
Mr. J. A. Cole

No T. BAKER, Dr.

Dec 13 Three carriages for 12.00  
finally Mrs. Frownfelter  
Re-expense paid

The family hired three carriages to take them to the cemetery. This statement proves that she was buried 13 Dec. 1869 which means she died ca 11/12 of Dec

SIGNATURES OF FOUR OF HESTER FROWNFELTER'S FIVE SURVIVING CHILDREN

In settling Hester Frownfelter's estate, four of her living children signed this statement after receiving their share of her estate (all had received property earlier).

Hester's other living child, Anna Elizabeth "Eliza" evidently didn't sign a note since her husband, James A. Cole was the administrator.

Received November 13<sup>th</sup> 1872 of  
James A. Cole administrator  
with the will annexed of the Estate  
of Hester Frownfelter deceased.  
the sum of Seventy five Dollars  
and Thirty three cents in full  
of my distributive share of  
the estate of said deceased  
as residuary legatee under  
the will of said deceased, and  
hereby release him from all  
liability on account of the same.  
Given under my hand and  
seal on the day and year first  
above written

Henry Frownfelter Seal

Same. Given under my hand and  
seal on the day and year first  
above written at

Mary Stolt Seal  
Sophia Stolt Seal

Given under my hand  
in the day and year first

Maria R. Griswold Seal

under my hand and  
day and year first

Hester Frownfelter Seal

Adam and Hester Frownfelter and Descendants

As located in the 1850 Census

By Forrest A Brandt, 22 Sep 1986

## 1850 Census, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana

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## Family #

1076	<u>Adam</u>	Frownfelter	60 M	Pa	Son of <u>Henry</u> & <u>Maria Elizabeth</u>
	<u>Hester</u>		56 F	"	
	<u>Joseph</u>		23 M Teacher	"	<u>Joseph</u> is son of Adam <u>dead by 1870</u>
	<u>Gustavus</u>		19 M Plasterer	"	This is <u>Adam Augustus</u> , son of Adam
	C Brown		28 M Lutheran Preacher	Md	<u>dead by 1870</u>

## 1087 John Driscoll

51 M Laborer Ireland Page 83

	<u>Maria</u>		36 F	Pa	This is <u>Maria R</u> , Dau of <u>Adam</u>
	<u>Timothy</u>		16 M	"	
	<u>Peter M</u>		12 M	Ind	
	John		8 M	"	
	Adam		6 M	"	
	Susannah		2 F	"	

## 1095 James A Cole

27 M Carpenter NY Page 84

	<u>Anna E</u>		25 F	Pa	This is <u>Anna Elizabeth</u> , dau of <u>Adam</u>
	<u>Floretta</u>		6 F	Ind	
	Wm A		5/12 M	"	

## 1850 Census, Iroquois Co., Illinois

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128	<u>Peter V</u>	Frownfeten	32 M Cab Maker	Pa	This is <u>Peter</u> , son of <u>Adam</u> , Peter b. 2 Feb 1818
	<u>Mary E</u>		31 F	NY	
	<u>Mary M Denan L</u> (?)		6 F	Iowa	
	<u>Eldridge Peck</u>		4 M	Ill	
	Charles		68 M Caredent & Mass Cloth Dress		
	John Hunster(?)		31 M Cooper	-	

## 1850 Census, Jefferson Co, Kentucky

City of Louisville, 4th Dist, 8th Ward, Page 451

1171	McCalla Stout		44 M Bricklayer	Va	
	<u>Sophia</u>		35 F	Pa	This is <u>Sophia</u> , daughter of <u>Adam</u>
	<u>Hester E</u>		11 F	Ind	
	<u>Alonzo C.</u>		9 M	Ky	
	<u>Elizabeth V</u>		7 F	"	
	John		5 M	"	
	Sarah M		2 F	"	

## 1850 Census, Branch Co., Mich. Girard Twp Page 297

14	Joshua Whitney		68 M Farmer	Vt(?)	
	Huldah		59 F	NY	
	Huldah		35 F	"	
	Joshua		20 M	"	
	Caroline Frownfelter		25 F	"	Can this be Caroline, wife of <u>John</u>
	Jans Whitney		18 F	"	<u>Frownfelter?</u> (b.d. 1847)

## 1850 Census Tippecanoe Co., Ind. City of LaFayette 4th Ward, Page 89

1183	<u>Henry</u>	Frownfelter	29 M Brick Maker	Pa.	This is son of <u>Adam</u>
	<u>Jane</u>		27 F	Tenn	
	<u>Hester E</u>		4 F	Pa	
	<u>Elizabeth Wood</u>		23 F	Tenn	probably a sister to Jane
	Nancy J	"	4 M	52	Ia (Sex looks in error)
	Henry C		2 "	-	

Forrest A. Brandt  
28 Karen Lee Lane  
Manitou Springs, CO 80829  
*deceased by 1990*

**COPY OF HESTER FROWNFELTER'S WILL**

Made on 8 January 1869 at Lafayette Indiana

I Hester Frownfelter of the city of Lafayette in the county of Tippacanoe in the state of Indiana do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made.

First, I direct that all my just debts be paid out of the first money realized from any portion of my estate.

Second, I have heretofore executed to my sons Henry Frownfelter, Adam A. Frownfelter and Peter V. Frownfelter and my daughters Maria R Driscoll and Ann E. Cole and my granddaughter Joanna Driscoll deeds of conveyance for real estate herein described and to make my daughter Sophia Stout equal with them I hereby give and bequeath to her a note given McCawley Stout her husband and the interest thereon.

Third having advanced to my son John Frownfelter now deceased in his lifetime all that would be coming to him but desiring to do something more for his only child, I hereby give and bequest to my grandson John F. Frownfelter the sum of fifty dollars and if he should not survive me I give and bequest the same to his mother.

Fourth, I give and bequest to whichever of my daughters or granddaughters shall take care of and nurse me in my last sickness all of my household goods and furnishings of every kind and description.

Fifth, I give devise and bequest to my sons Henry Frownfelter and Peter V. Frownfelter and my daughters Maria R. Driscoll and Ann E. Cole and Sophia Stout, and my grandson James A. Frownfelter only surviving child of my son Adam A. Frownfelter deceased all the rest and residue of my estate real personal mixed to be equally divided among them and if any of them should die before my decease leaving children the share of such deceased one to go to his or her children in equal proportion and if either should died without children before my decease the share of such be equally divided between the survivors or the children of any that may have died.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal at Lafayette, Indiana on this eighth day of January AD 1869.

Hester Frownfelter (Seal)

Witnessed by: Lyman Buman  
George Haught  
N.T. Hodson

Probated 31st day of January 1870

(The original of this will is found in the Tippacanoe County Historical Society's building and it is listed under Hester Frownfelter. From the receipts, etc. in her file we were able to determine that she was buried on 13 December, 1869.

**HENRY FROWNFELTER**  
**Son of Adam Frownfelter and wife Hester -----**

Henry<sup>5</sup>, Adam<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup>

**Henry Frownfelter** was probably the fifth child born to Adam and Hester Frownfelter. According to the 1820 and 1830 census of Pennsylvania, the father and his family were living in Middle Paxton Twp, Berks Co PA. Henry Frownfelter was born on 17 May 1820 and his birth record is recorded at the Zion Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA. The birth of Henry's older brother, Peter, is also recorded in that same church. Peter was born 2 Feb 1818. None of the other children of Adam and Hester are recorded in the church register, but the marriage of two of Adam's brothers are recorded in the book that was recently translated and published by Pastor Frederick S. Weiser.

In his published book, Pastor Weiser stated: "The following translations contain all the information given in the original records. About this time (1814) few sponsors were chosen and Pastor Lochman rarely recorded the baptismal dates."

In the introduction of Pastor Weiser's book, "**Records of Pastoral Acts at Zion Lutheran Church Harrisburg Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 1795-1827**", he gives this information about the beginning of Harrisburg and of the Lutheran Church there: "John Harris laid out Harrisburg in 1785 the same year in which Dauphin County was erected out of Lancaster. In March 1787 a subscription list was circulated seeking support for a union schoolhouse and church in the new town. It was successful and the church was built within the same year. The first Lutheran pastor Frederich Schaeffer opened a church record for both congregations in 1788 which remained with the Reformed congregation for their exclusive use in 1795 when Henrik Moeller began a Lutheran record on March 29. The two German congregations were the first churches in Harrisburg.....as the population grew the two churches separated. In 1814 the Lutherans purchased the location they have used ever since on Fourth Street and built a school and church there.....Zion Church, as the new Lutheran edifice was named, played an important role in the life of Harrisburg people from the start."

It is not known when Adam and Hester Frownfelter moved their family from Harrisburg PA to Lafayette, Indiana, but they were in the 1830 census in PA, and by the 1840 census they had settled in Lafayette and evidently Henry, who would have been 20 years old by then, was living somewhere besides his parents home. Living with the parents were two sons 10-15 years of age--that would have been Joseph and Adam Augustus--and two daughters.

Henry and all of his brothers with the exception of Joseph (who was a teacher) were brick masons like their father, or else a cabinet man or carpenters. The records in Lafayette show that the family owned much property and were well-to-do in that city.

The records at the Tippecanoe Co. Courthouse show that Henry Frownfelter was married to Jane Hall on 18 May, 1845 by Justice of the Peace, Peter Caster. Very little is known at this time about the Hall family. The census records show that Jane Hall was born in Tennessee around 1823. The 1870 and 1880 census of Hickory County, Missouri show that Jane's mother was named Tabitha Hall and she was living with Henry and Jane during this time. In the 1880 census it stated that she was too feeble to be up and that she was 93 years of age when the census was taken on 7 June 1880. That would have her being born in or around 1787 and it stated she had been born in NC. The census showed that her mother had been born in NC and her father in SC. Tabitha evidently died before 1883, for that is the year Henry moved his family to Arkansas and no mention was ever made of Jane's mother coming with them.

Henry and Jane evidently moved around quite a bit after they were married. According to the census their first child, Hester Ellen, was born ca 1846 in Indiana, probably in Lafayette. George Howard was born in 1852 in Iowa; Josephine in 1853 in Indiana; John Townsend was born ca 1855 in Illinois; William H. was born ca 1858 in Illinois; and James A. was born in September 1862 in Indiana. They were living in Lafayette in the 1870 census and in Hickory County, Missouri in the 1880 and we know they were in Arkansas County, Arkansas in the 1890 and by the 1900 census, Henry was dead and Jane and her son James A. and daughter Hester Ellen were living in Perkins, Oklahoma. That would certainly indicate that they really never put down roots in any one particular spot

Henry's father, Adam died ca 1866 in Lafayette, Ind. and his mother, Hester was buried 13 December 1869. Henry and a John (relationship to Henry not known) Frownfelter were living in the same house at 15 N. Hartford Ave. in Lafayette as shown in the 1876-77 city directory. They were not listed in later directories so it is assumed that Henry must have moved his family soon after that to Hickory Co. Missouri.

By the 1880 census Henry and Jane Frownfelter were shown living just outside of the tiny village of Quincy, Hickory Co MO. They bought 40 acres and on 20 August, 1883 they sold the farm and moved to Arkansas Co Ark. While living near Quincy, MO George Howard Frownfelter, Henry's son, married a neighbor's daughter, Amanda King, daughter of Jacob and Juliana Kimberling King. Amanda, who was born 11 May 1852 in what was then Wythe Co VA and later became Bland County. Her parents moved their family to a farm ca 1853/54 very near where the Frownfelters settled some 30 years later. Both families were Lutherans, but no Lutheran church was established in this section of Missouri, and so it appears that from that time forward neither family had any ties with the Lutheran Church.

In 1883, soon after August 20th of that year, Henry Frownfelter made his final move. He and Jane and all of their children except George Howard (my ancestor) joined a wagon train and moved to Arkansas Co AR. The majority of these families in the wagon train were Mennonites who had been in Ohio, then settled briefly in Hickory County. They then decided to move on to the Grand Prairie of Arkansas. One of the members of this group years later wrote her memories of this trip and in it she mentions that there was one Lutheran family that came with them. This was the Frownfelter family. The Mennonites had sent a family down the year before and they had scouted the territory and had begun the process of homesteading a farm. The name came from the head of this Mennonite group, Jacob Yoder. Though the Frownfelters are not mentioned again in her memoirs, she did say that the "Lutheran family settled on south of their group."

Henry and his grown sons did, indeed, settle south of Yoder and on the very same road some four or five miles away. The records at the courthouse at DeWitt, AR show that Henry Frownfelter bought his first land on 24 Dec. 1883 in the New Providence community "on Hurricane Creek". But my father, Ed Frownfelter, could not recall ever hearing that his grandfather bought land in that area which is south of where they are known to have settled in the Turley area. Henry and all three of his grown sons that came with him to this county in 1883 all homesteaded land in the same section--Section 19, Township 4S, Range 4W.....

The following information concerning the Henry Frownfelter family was sent to me in a letter from Amanda Frownfelter Adams, a daughter of John Townsend Frownfelter and the granddaughter of Henry and Jane Hall Frownfelter. The letter was written from Altona, IL and was dated 20 Jan 1967: "All I know about the family history is what Aunt Amanda Parson Hetrick of Lafayette, Ind. told me. She was my mother's oldest sister and when I was between 20

and 22 years of age she hunted us kids up and came to Bushnell and spent almost a week with me, then went on to Canton, IL and spent awhile with Maggie (Amanda's sister). They told me that grandfather Frownfelter (Henry) and his family came to Lafayette IN from Harrisburg, PA. He was a brick mason and building contractor. The town was young and there was lots of work there for a number of years. He and the boys had all they could do. They built businesses and dwelling houses, including one for himself and one for grandfather Parsons." (Amanda's mother Malinda Jane Parson was married to John Townsend Frownfelter in Lafayette. She died here in Arkansas County after giving birth to twin daughters--one of these baby died and was buried with her mother in the Coffield Cemetery. After that John Frownfelter left for Illinois and his children were scattered among relatives.) Amanda continues in her letter. "After a time the work dropped off and there were rumors of new territory opening up farther west. He thought they had done so well coming to Indiana, so he should move on and he talked grandmother Jane into selling everything and coming on farther west."

This information explaining the migration of one family, probably pretty well describes the reasoning behind most of the movements of our pioneer forefathers. It seems they all heard "rumors" and the men were anxious to move to "greener pastures". As it turned out for this particular Frownfelter family they moved southwest instead of west--moving first to Hickory County Mo where they stayed long enough to buy land there and for one of the sons, George Howard, to marry Amanda King who had been born in Wythe County VA in 1852 and who had moved with her parents, Jacob and Julia Kimberling King, to this county when Amanda was only a year or so old around 1853/54. Another example of a family seeking new opportunities in a undeveloped area of "the west".....

Since this part of the life of Henry Frownfelter was written I have been able to get copies of Henry and Jane Frownfelter's application papers to homestead 160 acres in the NE quarter of S19,T4S,R4W. Under the Homestead Act they had five years to "prove" their homestead, which meant that within that period they had to build a permanent house and barn, "drive" a well, make certain improvements and cultivate a few acres of the land.

Before it was time to make their final 5-year report, Henry died and it was necessary for his widow, Jane, to make the last report before she would own the land. It was even necessary that the applicant have four neighbors fill out papers testifying to the fact that the applicant had fulfilled all the requirements.

Thus from all of these papers one is able to get a fairly accurate picture of their life on the Grand Prairie at that time. From all of these sources a clear picture emerges about the family and its lifestyle as the Frownfelters and their neighbors struggle to conquer the tough sod of the prairie. Their papers show that Henry and Jane F. moved on to this 160 acres in November 1883 and on March 20, 1884 Henry made application for a homestead at the office of the Clerk of the Court at DeWitt, Arkansas. By that time he said he had "built a house, bored a well, built a barn and farmed about eight acres."

By the time she made her final report in 1889, Jane gave this description of her house and other improvements. A neighbor testified that he had helped Henry "haul house logs" to build their house (there were no trees on their prairie land!) Jane gave this information on their improvements: she had a "16x20 hewn log house one and one-half storied high, weather-boarded up outside and painted inside with kitchen added made of boards 11x26 ft; milk house made of lumber 14x16, chicken house, hog house, tenant house 16x20 one and one-half story high made of boards sealed inside; barn 18x30, one well; two acres in orchard; 24 acres fenced and 16 acres

in cultivation".

By 1889 Jane and Henry's fourth son, George Howard, had moved his wife, Amanda King, and their two young sons, Jefferson and William, to this community in Arkansas County from Hickory Co Mo. (This George and wife Amanda are my grandparents.) I suspect that the "tenant house and barn" mentioned above by Jane in her application was built for their son George and his family for my father has shown me where the house in which he was born stood and it was in the NE corner of Section 19 just east of where the old abandoned Turley school is standing today (1998), and he said his grandparents lived less than one-fourth of a mile west of his parent's home. All of this would have been on the original 160 acre homestead. Evidently all the land had been claimed in this area by the time George moved here for there is no record of his applying for a homestead. The other three brothers that came with their father and mother, John, William and James, all claimed their own 160 acres during the same five-year period so by 1889 the Frownfelter family owned a whole section (640 acres) of land. Today this section of land is owned by heirs of O.L. Green and is considered one of the prime rice farms in the county. It is said that there had never been a tree on the entire section other than a few planted around houses that are no longer standing and the trees have also disappeared.

In one question Jane was asked to detail the improvements and she listed 75 fruit trees, 30 grape vines, 50 shade trees, 20 acres under fence, 16 acres in cultivation after being broke and they had broken about four acres per year. By "broke" they meant the tough sod of the prairie had been turned over with a sod-buster--a very slow and tedious job with one old horse, mule or oxen! Jane stated by 1889 she had nine head of stock cattle, nine hogs and chickens with no mention of a horse or mule.

As one reflects on the life of Henry Frownfelter, it is hard to understand why he would sell all his property and give up an apparently good profession in Lafayette, IN. And move his grown children to Hickory Co Mo, and then a short time later sell that land and move on the Grand Prairie of Arkansas. One would guess that there was absolutely no prospect of his ever using his skill as a brick mason again. Brick houses were almost non-existent in the country in Arkansas County at that time.

Also one wonders why he chose farming. He was born in a fairly large city, Harrisburg, PA, and then was trained in masonry by his father and he never lived in the country until he bought acreage in Hickory Co. MO when he was around 55 years old. He then moved on to Arkansas County and probably spent most of his money buying land on Hurricane Creek (even though he never lived in that neighborhood). The land he did settle on was virgin prairie with big bluestem prairie grass growing so tall that a child could easily be lost in it. Wild fires would sweep across the prairie and destroy everything in its path. This was always my grandmother's worst fear and until the day she died she kept a rain barrel full of water close to her back door and old mops and brooms nearby even though by the time she died in 1933 all the prairie had been "broken" and rice fields encircled her home! (This was Amanda King Frownfelter the wife of George Howard and the daughter-in-law of Henry and Jane Frownfelter.) My father often recalled that his mother, Amanda Frownfelter said that they were all disappointed when they moved down to this county because "all the good land that was wooded and located along the bayous and creeks was already taken and they were forced to settle on the virgin prairie."

The only crops grown here at that time were oats, corn, peas, Irish and sweet potatoes and millet. Hay was also a profitable crop. The grasses on the Grand Prairie were advertised as

making the best hay in the country and thousands of bales were shipped out of Stuttgart as soon as the railroad was built in 1883. (This was the year that Henry and Jane moved to the prairie.) The pioneers reasoned that if the ground was too sorry to grow trees then it was not fertile enough to grow corn and cotton--hence the desire to get land that had trees or had been cleared to settle on. Trees were only found along the bayous and creeks here on the prairie.

We will probably never know the reason that Henry Frownfelter chose to move his wife, four sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren to the prairie, but we now know that he was destined not to move again. He died at his home that he had built on his homestead in Section 19 in the Turley community on 6 March 1888, less than five years after coming here and 18 months before his and Jane's homestead had been proven.

On looking back at the Frownfelters' early years on the Grand Prairie it seems that they had more "trials than triumphs". Henry's son John lost his wife Malinda Jane in childbirth in 1884. She had twins and she and one of the twins died three days after the twins' birth. John sold his land and moved to Illinois. Henry himself died in 1888. Henry's son William died unmarried about this time. On 23 April 1893 Henry's son George Howard (my grandfather) died when he was only 41 years of age following an accident in the hay field. George left a wife and five children, the baby, Ed, (my father) was only 17 months old. Around 1894/95 Henry's widow Jane and her daughter Hester Ellen and son James A. sold their land (part they gave to George's widow Amanda) and they moved by wagon, first stopping in Berryville, Arkansas and then on to Perkins, OK. They took with them three of John's children, Arthur, Henry and the surviving twin, Rena. They left the other child of John and Malinda Jane with the Houghton family in the Turley community. Amanda later moved to Illinois to live with her dad, John Frownfelter.

Jane's grandson, Ed remembers the day that his grandmother moved from the community: "Grandmother, Uncle Jim and Aunt Hester came by our house in a wagon all loaded with furniture. They told my mother (the widow of Jane's son George) that she could have grandmother's sewing machine and she gave us kids their dog." The sewing machine was used by Amanda to make clothes for all five children, and eventually she gave the sewing machine to her granddaughter, Elsie Marie Frownfelter (Ed's daughter). She stored it for years and when the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum opened in 1974 Elsie Marie gave the machine to the museum where it is on display in the sewing exhibit. The sewing machine and Henry's old masonry trowel, now in the possession of Ed's other daughter Bennie, are believed to be the only articles still in existence that belonged to Henry and Jane Frownfelter. Both artifacts were brought here by them from their more prosperous days in Lafayette, Indiana

In 1991 Ed Frownfelter's two daughters, Bennie and Elsie Marie made a trip to Perkins, Payne Co OK in an attempt to prove their great grandmother's death and to verify for sure if she had, indeed, moved to that town after leaving the prairie. Upon arrival in Perkins (which is nine miles from Stillwell.) they were directed to David Sasser who is a local historian and he had records of the original Perkins Cemetery book. In it they found where the Frownfelters had bought the North one-fourth of lot #62 in the original Perkins cemetery--this taking place in the 1890s. When they went to the cemetery just at the edge of Perkins they found the lot and found two markers that could no longer be read and a later one that said it was the grave of James A. Frownfelter with the word "Uncle" written above his name and below was written b. September 1862; d. 1937. It is assumed that the stone was placed there by Rena Frownfelter Martz who had been reared by the grandmother Jane Frownfelter and Jane's daughter and son Hester and James.

Mr. Sasser sent us to the weekly newspaper office on Main Street where we found a

bound copy of the 1898 local **Perkins Journal** newspaper. Mr. Sasser had indexed all of the local papers from 1894 through 1920 and he had found in his index a reference to Jane Frownfelter's death in the August 5 1898 issue of the paper. It was a thrill to actually see and copy the page from that issue that states simply, "Mrs. Frownfelter, age 76 years, mother of James Frownfelter, died yesterday."

Thus we finally, and at last, had proven exactly what had happened to Henry Frownfelter's wife Jane Hall whom he had married in Lafayette, Ind. on 18 May 1845. She had moved with him from Indiana to Iowa and Illinois where they had children born, then back to Lafayette where they lived until around 1878; then on to Hickory Co MO; then on to Arkansas County, Arkansas, where Henry died in 1888. And finally her last move to Berryville AR and on to Perkins OK where she died on 4 Aug 1898.

My sister, Elsie Marie said she believed she had great grandmother Jane "figured out"-- Jane liked to travel and her son Jim liked to drive a wagon--Jim was listed as a dreyman (drives a wagon) in Perkins OK. This may be as good an explanation of their many moves as will ever be given!

By 1900 Henry and Jane Frownfelter and all of their children had either died or moved from the prairie. But all was not lost, Amanda Frownfelter, widow of George Howard Frownfelter, no doubt too poor to move back to her home in Quincy, Missouri, and against unbelievable odds, reared three sons and a daughter here on the prairie. On 5 Dec 1898 Amanda's son William B. died. But her other four children grew to maturity. Unfortunately none of the three sons left any male heirs. George and Amanda's son Jefferson had seven daughters, son Jacob "Jake" had no children, and son Edward Benjamin had a son that died as an infant and two daughters. Amanda's daughter, Mary Amanda, had two sons and a daughter. When Edward B. Frownfelter died in Stuttgart on 27 March 1984, the Frownfelter name ceased to exist in Arkansas.

Henry Frownfelter was brought up in a devout Lutheran home and the church records in Berks County PA show that Henry's ancestors, Adam, Henry, John, and the immigrant ancestor, Felix were Lutherans. The Lutheran church records in the Archives at Zurich, Switzerland give dates of Felix's birth and baptism in Henggart, Switzerland. Henry was probably active in a Lutheran church in Lafayette for the census records show that a Lutheran minister was living with his family. Further research is needed on Jane Hall Frownfelter's family, concerning her religion and ancestry..

No doubt Henry Frownfelter got to see his grandfather and the person for whom he was named, Henry Frownfelter, who fought in the Revolutionary War from Berks co PA. Henry, the grandson, who eventually came to Arkansas county was born 17 May 1820 in Harrisburg PA, and his grandfather Henry, the patriot, lived just across the Susquehanna River in Perry county PA. The patriot did not die until 1823--one would like to think that he held his namesake when little Henry was baptized in the Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg in 1820.

Henry Frownfelter and some of his children and their children are buried in the Coffield Cemetery in the old Turley community. Today through the efforts of his two great granddaughters, Elsie Marie Frownfelter Hargrove and Bennie Frownfelter Burkett and their sons, Nicky Hargrove and Jerry Burkett, a fund has been established to assure perpetual care of the lonely little cemetery set at the edge of the prairie where at least one grandson of a Revolutionary War soldier rests in peace.

## Children of Henry and Jane Hall Frownfelter

- I. Hester Ellen Frownfelter b ca 1846
- II. Josephine Frownfelter b ca 1850 died young
- III. George Howard Frownfelter b 29 December 1852**
- IV. John Townsend Frownfelter b ca 1856
- V. William H. Frownfelter b ca 1858
- VI. James A. Frownfelter b September 1862 d 1937

**I. HESTER ELLEN FROWNFELTER** was born around 1846, the first child of Henry and Jane. Very little is known of her life. She seems to have always lived with her parents. Land records here in Arkansas county show that she was married to a John Martin when she sold land before moving to Oklahoma with her mother and brother, James Frownfelter. Hester's nephew, remembered "Aunt Hester", but he said he never heard his mother, Amanda Frownfelter, mention the fact that Hester had been married. She evidently had no children. In the 1910 census at Perkins, OK, she is listed living with her brother, Jim Frownfelter, and she is listed as Hester Martin. After her mother's death, she is supposed to have reared her niece, Rena, whose mother had died at childbirth here in Arkansas County. Hester died at Perkins OK ca 1930 according to nephew, Henry Frownfelter who was also a son of John and Malinda Jane Frownfelter and who also was reared by Hester and Jim. Hester Ellen is buried in the Perkins Cemetery beside her brother and mother. Her grave marker and that of her mother are still standing but no longer legible.

**II. JOSEPHINE FROWNFELTER** was born ca 1850 in Indiana and evidently was the second child born to Henry and Jane. She must have died young for there is no mention of her in later census, nor was she mentioned in her mother's will.

**III. GEORGE HOWARD FROWNFELTER** was born 29 December 1852 and according to the census was born in Iowa. He was this writer's grandfather and a more complete record on him is given in the next chapter.

**IV. JOHN TOWNSEND FROWNFELTER** was b in 1856 in Illinois. He married Malinda Jane Parsons in Lafayette Indiana. When his parents, Henry and Jane, moved to Hickory Co MO, John and Malinda were living next door to his parents and John had one son, Arthur. They had another son, Henry, while they were living in Missouri. When his parents moved to the Turley community in Arkansas County in 1883, John and Malinda moved here also. They homesteaded land adjoining his parents. It is believed that his other children by this marriage were born in Arkansas County. John's wife, Malinda Jane, died three days after giving birth to twins, one twin Rena, survived and the other died and was buried with Malinda Jane in the Coffield Cemetery where many of the early Frownfelters are buried. Malinda Jane's tombstone says she was 31 years old when she died in 1884. The marker lists her five children. John's children by the first marriage were:

1. Arthur E. Frownfelter was born in Lafayette Ind ca 1876. He died 19 June 1937 of typhoid fever in Rankin Co Miss and is buried in the Baptist Cemetery in Fanning, Miss. Very little is known about this son. He appeared to be a loner, however he did marry and had at least two sons:

A. Theodore Earl Frownfelter who md Oma Grace Wright. Theodore Earl died

in 1972, and he lived most, if not all of his life, in or around Tulsa, OK. According to his son, John, he married a second time and this widow lived, 1987, at 7348 Virgin Place, Tulsa OK.

a. Terrell (Terry) Lynn Frownfelter whose address in 1987 was Elkhart, Indiana but according to brother John, actually lives in Michigan "across the Indiana-Michigan state line from Elkhart, Indiana."

b. John Arthur Frownfelter lives at 6747 E. 10th St. Tulsa OK 74112 (in 1987).

B. Joseph Frownfelter according to John Arthur Frownfelter of Tulsa, his father Theodore Earl, had a brother Joe who lived in Missouri and who died in 1960. Nothing further is known of this line.

2. Henry Frownfelter was b 9 March 1881 in Hickory Co Mo. He came to Arkansas County with his parents. Not long after his mother Malinda died, his father took his daughter Maggie and moved to Canton, IL. All of the other children were living with the grandparents, Henry and Jane Frownfelter. After Henry died, the grandmother, her son Jim and daughter Hester moved to Perkins OK, and they took Henry and Rena (the surviving twin) with them. Another sister, Amanda, stayed with a neighboring family, the Houghtons, until she was 16 then she moved to Canton, IL. Henry married Sarah Myrtle Crook, daughter of Samuel W. Crook. She was b in Memphis, Scotland Co Mo. They md 4 Apr 1906 in Creede Colorado. She died 6 Dec 1948 and he died 18 Dec 1959 in Monte Vista Colorado. They lived most of their married life in Monte Vista where he was a railroad engineer. According to his son Loren the parents are buried in the Monte Vista CO cemetery. His two children:

A. Loren Paul Frownfelter was b 24 Dec 1906 in Almossa CO. He md Eileen Lofton in 1933; she was b 30 June 1913 at Denver CO. He was a farmer and produce buyer and they lived (in 1987) at 1829 Settlers Drive, Pueblo CO 81008. Loren died 23 May 1990 in Monte Vista, CO. His children:

a. Nancy Lee Frownfelter b 20 May 1937 at Monte Vista CO. She md Thomas Keeling in 1953 at Taos NM. In 1987 they were living in Harrison AR and he was with an airline.

b. Stephen Paul Frownfelter was b 9 June 1948 at Monte Vista CO. He was married in 1974 and he has a son and two daughters Dawn Frownfelter and Michelle--the son's name was not given. Stephen Paul lives in Colorado Spring CO.

B. Charles Henry Frownfelter was b 12 Sept 1910 in Santa Fe NM. He md 30 April 1959 at Monte Vista CO. He was an electrician and he had three daughters:

- a. Marleen Frownfelter who lives at Canon City CO
- b. Donna Lee Frownfelter who lives at Wallace Idaho
- c. Winifred Frownfelter who lives in Wallace Idaho

3. Maggie Frownfelter--very little is known of her and her life. She left Arkansas with her father John and lived with him in Canton, IL. According to a letter written in 1967 to this writer from her sister Amanda Frownfelter, Maggie had only one son who died in young adulthood, but she also had four daughters. Amanda did not send the names of the five children, neither did she give Maggie's married name.

4. Amanda Frownfelter was born in Arkansas Co AR, the exact date is not known. She went to live with the Houghtons when she was about two and one-half years old and she stayed with them until she was nearly 15 years old when she went to Canton IL to live with her father who had probably remarried by that time. She md/l August Geming of Beardstown IL in 1903 and he died in 1936 and is buried at Stronghurst IL; she md/2 George Washington Adams in 1944 and he died in 1947 at Galesburg IL. It is believed that she had no heirs.

5. Rena Frownfelter as mentioned earlier, she was a twin and her mother and twin sister died when she was three days old in 1884. When her grandmother Frownfelter and her Aunt Hester and Uncle Jim moved to Perkins, OK around 1895 they took Rena with them. She grew to maturity and married there. She married Lowell Oscar Martz on 4 Feb 1903 and they had six children. They owned a soda pop plant there in Perkins. It was probably after her husband's death that she moved to San Jose CA to live near her children--all of whom moved to that area. She died in San Jose in 1951. Unfortunately it was after her death that this writer was able to locate her children who knew very little about their mother's Frownfelter family.

- A. Leslie Coy Martz b in Perkins OK; md Josephine----
- B. Roy Martz lives in Houston TX (as of the 1950s)
- C. Lloyd Martz lives at 565 Spruce St. DelMonte CO
- D. Clifford Martz lives in Odessa TX (1950s)
- E. Iva Martz md Jess Hubbard and lives in San Jose CA
- F. Laura Martz md----Harris and lives in Eunice LA

John Frownfelter (son of Henry and Hester Frownfelter) married again in Illinois to a widow Janey Berry and it is known that they had at least one child, Ruth. Others say that John and his second wife had at least two more children beside Ruth. Their names were Johnny and Lucille. This information was found in an old letter written by Amanda Frownfelter (number 4 above) and in the letter she mentions that her father (John), her stepmother and half-brother Johnny and half-sister Lucille are all buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Canton IL. There is a possibility that there were more children by this marriage. Both Ruth and Amanda visited my parents, Ed and Rose Frownfelter, here in Stuttgart in the 1960s or perhaps earlier, but no records were kept of their families. These two ladies continued to correspond with my parents, but unfortunately no information was written down on this line in IL.

- 6. Ruth Frownfelter b in IL by John's second wife Janey Berry.
- 7. Lucille Frownfelter b in IL by John's second wife Janey.

8. John Frownfelter b in IL by John's second wife. It is hoped that this son John had left male heirs and that the Frownfelter name is being carried on from this John.

V. **WILLIAM H. FROWNFELTER** was b ca 1858 in Illinois according to the census. Little is known about this son of Henry and Jane. He came to the Grand Prairie of Arkansas with his parents and no record can be found of his ever having married. He owned land adjoining the other Frownfelters. He evidently left no heirs.

VI. **JAMES A. FROWNFELTER** was the last child born to Henry and Jane and they had evidently moved back near his parents in Lafayette IN by the time he was born in Sept 1862. He too, always moved with his parents and owned land on the prairie which he sold before moving to Oklahoma with his mother and sister Hester. He never married and he died in Perkins OK in 1937 and he is buried in the Perkins Cemetery by his mother Jane and sister Hester. In the 1900 census he was listed as a dreyman (drove wagons). His grave marker in the Perkins cemetery says he was born Sept. 1962 and died in 1937 (no further date). On his marker he is shown as "Uncle Jim" so his niece Rena Frownfelter Martz must have placed the marker.

Perkins  
Oklahoma

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Grave marker of James A.  
Frownfelter youngest child of  
Henry and Jane F. His grave is  
beside his mother's in Perkins OK

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- 22 JULY p4 c4 HAWN, Henry died Wednesday 20 July 1898 of kidney trouble at Clayton. An old soldier.
- 29 JULY p4 c4 DAVIS, son of John Davis died Tuesday age 9 months. Buried Tuesday in Olivet Cemetery. (South Cimarron Catches)
- 29 JULY p4 c4 HAWN, Henry died at home in Clayton Tuesday 19 July 1898, age about 55. An old soldier. Funeral Wednesday with burial in the cemetery south of Clayton.
- 5 AUG p4 c2 FROWNFELTER, Mrs. Mother of James Frownfelter died 4 Aug 1898 age 76.
- 5 AUG p4 c2 TROUP, Mr. died in Winfield KS a few days ago. Recently married Mrs. Major of Perkins.
- 5 AUG p4 c4 THOMPSON, Ella daughter of Gus and Ida Thompson. Age 1y 2m 19d, died 30 July 1898. (Eden Chapel)
- 12 AUG p4 c4 BRENNER, Opal Bell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brenner. Age 11 days, died Friday 5 Aug 1898 with burial in Kirk Cemetery Sunday.
- 19 AUG p4 c3 LEWIS, Ross died 6 Aug 1898 at Sheridan OK. Came to Perkins last winter. Organized the Christian Church. Leaves a wife and 8 kids.
- 26 AUG p4 c4 CASE, youngest daughter of Frank Case. Age 10, died Friday 19 Aug 1898. Buried Saturday in Clayton Cemetery.
- 9 SEPT p4 c3 CARRIKER, child of Al Carriker was buried recently.
- 9 SEPT p4 c3 CARRIKER, Bertha age 9<sup>1/2</sup>, died Sunday 4 Sept 1898. Daughter of Al Carriker. Buried Sunday.
- 9 Sept p4 c4 TURTILLOT, Eva age 5y 7m 4d, died Saturday 3 Sept 1898 at Ingalls. Daughter of L. Turtillot.
- 9 Sept p4 c4 NORRIS, Isaac died 2 Sept 1898 at Topeka KS. Formerly of this country. (Grand Prairie)

Zion Lutheran Church - Harrisburg  
 Dauphin Co., PA 1795-1827

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Baptisms

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Thomas Alexander Goodwin Turner, son of Wm. Thomas and Charlotte Elizabeth Hamilton,  
b. 20 Aug. 1820, bp. 8 Oct. 1820. Sponsors: [not given]  
N. B. This child was bap. by Rev. DeWitt but entered here by request

Lea, dau. of Jacob Gehman and wife, b. 27 Sept 1819, bp. Aug. 1820  
Henry, son of Adam Frauenfelder, b. 13 May 1820

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Santa Fe Time Table at Guthrie



NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

Arrive Guthrie.	Leave Guthrie.	Arrive Kan. City.	Arrive Chicago.
5:40 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:38 a.m.
4:04 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	6:50 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	
	8:20 a.m.	Local Freight.	
11:15 a.m.		Local Freight.	

SOUTH, SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST.

Arrive Guthrie.	Leave Guthrie.	Arrive Ft. Worth Galveston	Arrive Galveston
1:14 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	9:35 p.m.	9:05 a.m.
11:15 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	8:05 a.m.	9:35 p.m.
		9:00 a.m.	Local Freight.
3:40 p.m.			

A. J. COOKS, Agent,  
Guthrie, Okla.

DAILY MAIL LINE.

PERKINS AND MULHALL.

Leaves Perkins Every Morning at 6.  
Arrives at Mulhall at 12.  
Leaves Mulhall at 1.  
Arrives at Perkins at 7.

Passenger Fare Each Way \$1.50.  
J. C. COOKS, Hackman.

TOWN JOTTINGS.

Pension papers do not require revenue stamps.

The council met Tuesday night in regular session.

Miss Nora Juddings is attending the normal at Stillwater.

W. J. Buchanan lost ten tons of hay by the big rains lately.

Our new grader has been at work on the streets this week.

Dentist Tharp is at Cushing doing business in that thrifty village.

The new gin is going to bring lots of business to Perkins this fall.

Miss Lura Shannon is attending the Institute at Stillwater this week.

Dave Sasser, deputy in the postoffice, is at Stillwater attending the Institute.

The Cimarron photograph gallery is treating itself with a nice back porch.

Reverend L. B. Parker and family have arrived and are now living in the parsonage.

Mrs. Frownfelter, aged 76 years, mother of James Frownfelter, died yesterday.

Jane Frownfelter dies

1876-1877 Lafayette City Directory, Indiana

Furnishers, corner Main and Fifth Streets.

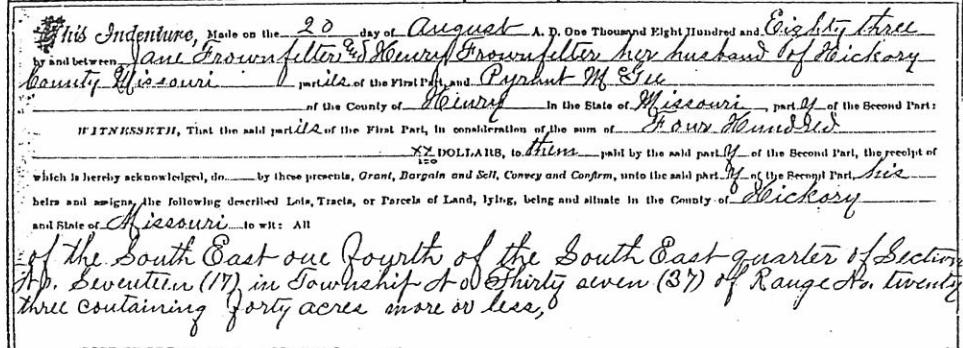
LAFAYETTE DIRECTORY.

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Right---Henry and John Frownfelter are listed in the 1876-1877 City Directory at Lafayette, Indiana. The John listed may be Henry's son since Henry's brother John had died before this time.

(middle)---Jane Frownfelter bought this land on Oct. 23, 1877 (Deed Bk. 0, pg. 441 Hickory Co. MO.) This proves that they sold this land on Aug. 20, 1883 (Deed Bk. T, pg. 90.) There is just one section of land between the Frownfelters and the Kings. Henry's son George married Jacob and Juliana King's daughter, Amanda in 1882.

90 page Deed Record T Hickory County Missouri  
No. 102. GENERAL WARRANTY DEED. -Benton Printing Company, Hannibal, Mo.



Marriage BK. 2 1/2 Pg. 503

Tipppecanoe Co. Indiana

Henry Frownfelter &  
and  
Jane Hale

Be it remembered that on this seventeenth  
day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and forty five a marriage license issued to Henry Frownfelter  
and Jane Hale both of the County of Tipppecanoe in the State  
of Indiana and both of lawful age a certificate of which  
marriage was returned and filed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1845 as follows to wit: "State of Indiana, Tipppecanoe County,  
of Peter Caster a justice of the peace do certify that Henry  
Frownfelter and Jane Hale were duly joined together as man  
and wife on 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845. This 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1845  
Peter Caster J. P."

Copy of the  
marriage license  
of Henry F.  
to Jane Hall.

## HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT

Under Section 2294, Revised Statutes, for settlers who cannot appear at the District Land Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Court

For Arkansas County,

Frownfelter Mch 20, 1884

I, Henry Frownfelter, of Arkansas Co Ark

having filed my Homestead Application No. 14336, do solemnly swear that I

am a citizen of the United States -

Over the age of 21 years

that said application No. 14336 is made for the purpose of actual settlement and cultivation; that said entry is made for my exclusive use and benefit, and not directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever; that I am

now residing on the land I desire to enter, and that I have made a bona fide improvement and settlement thereon; that said settlement was commenced November 1883

that my improvements consist of Houses - Fencing - Driv-  
Hard

and that the value of the same is \$ 60.00; that owing to distance  
and expense

I am unable to appear at the District Land Office to make this affidavit, and that I have never before made a homestead entry except

Notice for Publication—3568.  
Land office at Little Rock, Ark.

Sep 21, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge, or in his absence, the county clerk of Arkansas county, at DeWitt, Ark., on Nov. 8, 1889, viz.: Jane Frownfelter, widow of Henry Frownfelter, deceased, H. E. No. 14336, for the net of sec 19, T 4, S R 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: John Houghton, Huron D. Watts, Alonzo Stark, Frank Silcox, Long Point, Ark. 226 P. Raleigh, Register.

Published in the Grand Prairie Journal in Stuttgart, AR for six times starting 26 Sept. 1889.

this day of , 188 .

J. J. M. Evoy  
Clerk of the Court for Arkansas  
H. R. County Arkansas

Places above, showing whether he is the head of a family or over twenty-one years his intention to become a citizen; whether he and his family, or some member actual settlement, describing the dwelling house and improvements, and stating appearing at the District Land Office. If claimant ever before made a homestead he word "except."

## HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at Little Rock, Ark.

Nov. 12, 1889.

FINAL CERTIFICATE,  
No. 5933 }APPLICATION,  
No. 11336

It is hereby certified That, pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 2291, Revised Statutes of the United States, Jane Trounfelder, widow of Henry Trounfelder <sup>deid</sup>, has made payment in full for \_\_\_\_\_ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

of Section No. 19, in Township No. 11 North, of Range No. 4 West, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian Arkansas, containing 160 <sub>100</sub> acres.

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said Jane Trounfelder, widow as above, shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

Register.

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## HOMESTEAD, PRE-EMPTION, AND COMMUTATION PROOF.

## TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Full and Specific Answers must be given to each Question. Evasive Answers will be Fatal to the Proof.

*Mrs Jane Frownfelter widow of Henry Frownfelter*, claimant, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

Ques. 1.—What is your correct name, your age, and occupation? If employed by any person, state by whom.

Ans. *Jane Frownfelter widow of Henry Frownfelter, age 67, housekeeping*  
*Henry Frownfelter died March 6<sup>th</sup> 1888. I am in the employ of no one*

Ques. 2.—What is your post-office address?

Ans. *Long Point Arkansas County Arkansas*

Ques. 3.—Are you the identical person who made pre-emption filing No. \_\_\_\_\_ for homestead entry No. 14,376.) at the  
*State Park Land* land office on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 188<sup>8</sup>, and

what is the true description of the land now claimed by you?

Ans. *I am the widow of Henry Frownfelter who made the entry. My husband died Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 1888. The land is - 1/4 sec 19 T 4 S R 4 W -*

Ques. 4.—Where did you live before settling upon this land, and what was your occupation?

Ans. *We lived in Hickory County Missouri. My husband was a farmer.*

Ques. 5.—Are you a citizen of the United States, or have you declared your intention to become such?

Ans. *My husband & myself are native born citizens of the United States.*

Ques. 28.—Describe fully the house on this claim, giving value thereof; also describe fully all other improvements thereon of whatever kind, giving the value of each and total value of all improvements.

Ans. *1 house log house 1/2 stories high 16x20, with kitchen added.  
 Roofing boards 11x 26, shingles worth \$300<sup>00</sup>, 1 board wall worth \$30<sup>00</sup>. 1 barn 18x30 worth 30<sup>00</sup> - Milk house made of lumber 14x16 ft 25<sup>00</sup> - Chicken house 6x9, Tenant house 16x20 1/2 story  
 Roofing boards cedar shingles \$200<sup>00</sup>. Barn 18x30 150<sup>00</sup>  
 1000 ft 20<sup>00</sup> 2 acres in orchard. 20 acres forested 16 acres in cultivation*  
*all worth \$300<sup>00</sup>*

Ques. 29.—What farm implements do you own and use on this claim? State kind and number, and how long you have owned the same.

Ans. *2 turning plows, two double shovels, 1 single shovel, hoes  
 Ans. Saw, scythe or mow over, have been on the place  
 Ans. Since we moved on the place*

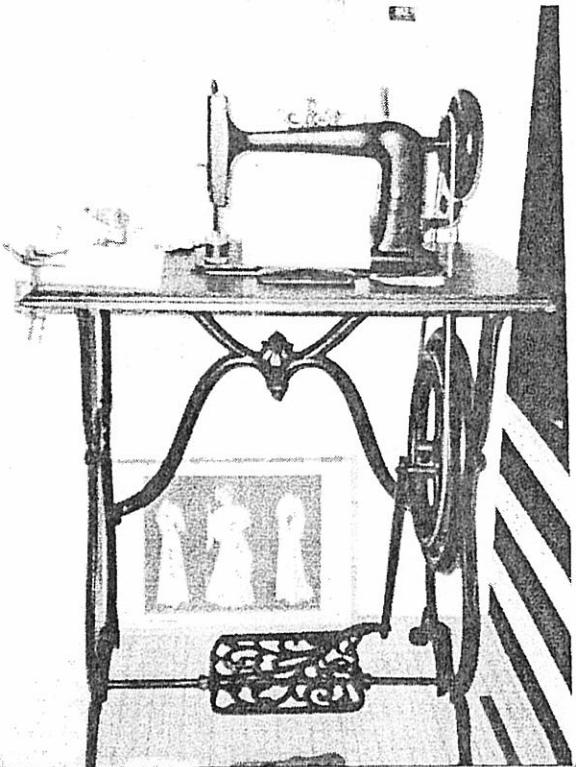
Ques. 30.—What domestic animals and live stock do you own and keep on this claim? State kind and number of each kind.

Ans. *9 head Stock cattle, 9 hogs, Chickens &c*

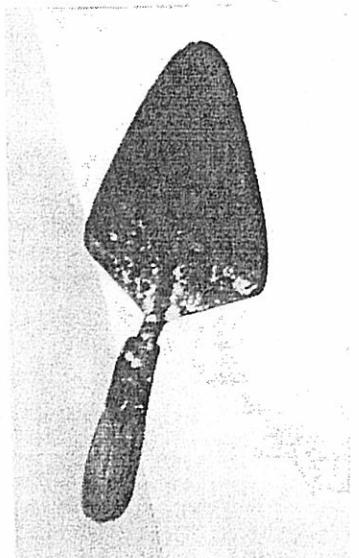
Ques. 31.—State what articles of furniture of every kind you keep and use in your residence on this claim, and how long you have had them there.

Ans. *3 beds or bedding of my own, sewing machine, crockery  
 Cupboard, dishes, chairs and heating stove, these  
 have been on the place since we moved there, except*

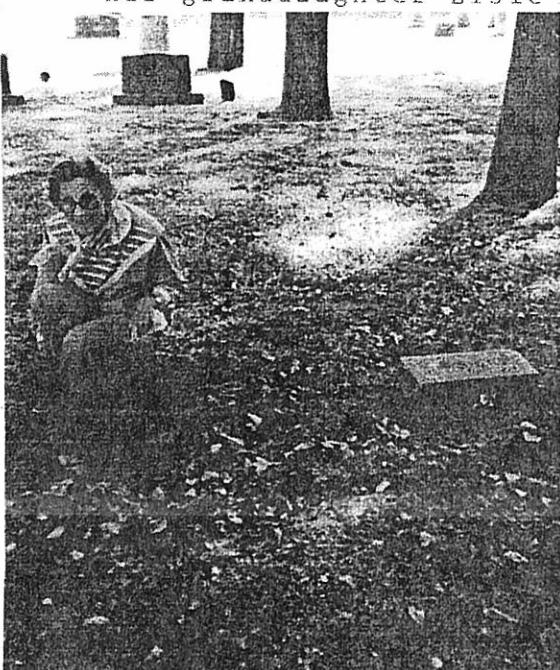
This is a copy from part of the actual papers sent in to the Land Office in Little Rock, Ark. by Henry Frownfelter's widow (he died 6 Mar. 1888) in order to get her homestead. #4 tells where they were living before moving to Arkansas; #28 gives a description of their house they built on this land; #29 gives a list of their farming implements; #30 their livestock and #31 their furniture. Jane Frownfelter's sewing machine listed in #31 is now in the Stuttgart Agri Museum.



Jane Frownfelter's sewing machine she bought ca 1845 in Lafayette Ind. and brought to Ark. in 1883. She gave it to her daughter-in-law Amanda who gave it to her granddaughter Elsie Marie F.



Henry Frownfelter's masonry trowel he used as a brickmason in Lafayette Ind. He brought all his tools with him but his grandson Ed only found this one tool in the old home after he was grown. He gave it to his daughter Bennie. This is the only known possession of Henry's that has survived.



Elsie Marie at the grave of her g.grandmother Jane in Perkins OK. The printing is not legible. She d. 4 Aug 1898.



Henry's grave was unmarked until his grandson Ed put this marker there ca 1950. It was later that we found proof of his actual death in 1888.

### GEORGE HOWARD FROWNFELTER

Son of Henry Frownfelter and wife Jane Hall  
George Howard<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>5</sup>, Adam<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup>

George Howard Frownfelter was born on 29 Dec 1852 and was the third child and the first son born to Henry and Jane Hall Frownfelter. Very little is known about the life of George. The main source of information on the Frownfelters of this generation was Ed Frownfelter, George's son, and since his father died when Ed was not yet two years old, his memory of the facts about his father was what he remembered hearing from his mother. According to the census records George Frownfelter was born in Iowa, though no record has thus far been found of his parents, Henry and Jane Frownfelter, ever having lived in that state.

It is known that George spent part of his childhood in Illinois, for two of his younger brothers were born there according to the census. He was too young to have served in the Civil War-- his parents were probably living in Lafayette, Ind during that period. He moved with his parents and other members of his family to Hickory Co MO sometime in the late 1870s after his grandmother Hester Frownfelter had died in Lafayette. His parents bought a farm near the village of Quincy and a nearby farm was owned by Jacob King. George was married to Amanda King, a daughter of Jacob King, on Wednesday 15 Feb 1882 by the Rev. John Sims at his residence in St. Clair Co MO. St. Clair is an adjoining county to Hickory County. (This information was gotten from their marriage license which was found in St. Clair Co Courthouse.)

#### Amanda King's Family

Amanda King was b 11 May 1852 in Wythe Co VA and she was the last child born to Jacob and Juliana Kimberling King in Virginia. A slip of paper was found in the 1970s in an old trunk in Missouri that gave this information on Amanda King's mother: "Juliana Kimberling born the 29th August 1819 baptized the 26 September 1819." This exactly corresponds with information found in the Kimberling Lutheran Church Records which have now been translated from German to English and have been printed and are available at the DAR Library in D.C. and other libraries. Juliana Kimberling's proven line is: John Jacob, Jacob and the immigrant, Martin Kimberling (often written Kimberlin). Martin was b in Germany, came first to Pennsylvania and moved his family to Wythe Co (Montgomery County at that time) VA. Martin gave the land for the Kimberling Lutheran Church which is still standing (1996) not far from Rural Retreat and Wytheville. A large bronze marker has been placed in the cemetery at the Kimberling Church noting the fact that Martin and Elisabetha Kirsehstaetterin Kimberling gave the land and founded the Kimberling Lutheran Church. When my sister and I were at the church in 1988 it was in good condition but services have not been held there for many years. The cemetery where Martin and Elizabeth are buried is beside the church building and is well kept. The church has a bronze marker designating it as a historical structure. Martin Kimberling was considered the leader in the Lutheran Church development in Southwest Virginia.

After many years of research, no record has yet been found of the parentage of Jacob King. Jacob King was born around 1817 in

Wythe Co VA so until his parents can be proven his line cannot be carried back further. It is known that a John and a William King fought in the Revolutionary War from Wythe Co VA and since they were the ONLY two German King families in Wythe Co at that time, it is believed that Jacob was the grandson of one of these two Kings. (At the time of the Revolutionary War the area where the Kings lived was in Montgomery County Virginia. Therefore their records are recorded in that county. Wythe County was formed from Montgomery County in 1789.)

Jacob and Juliana (written in records in Missouri as July Ann) had these children born in what was then Wythe Co VA--now Bland County: Jemima b 7 June 1842; Jefferson b 29 Oct 1843; Elizabeth b 11 May 1845; Sophia b 26 Mar 1846; Roseann b 6 Oct 1848 and Amanda b 11 May 1852. Jacob and Juliana moved their family to Quincy, Hickory Co MO soon after Amanda was born and three sons were born to them in that county: Bradford L. b 2 Oct 1854; Columbus Agrippa b 8 Sept 1857 and Elijah Hawkins b 25 July 1861.

Two of their daughters, Jemima and Roseann never married, the other seven children married. Two of Jacob's children went back to visit relatives in Bland County around 1870. One of these was Sophia and she married Joe Kinder while visiting there and as far as is known she never saw any of her immediate family again. The son, Jefferson who had gone with her to visit returned to Hickory county. Jefferson King was the only child to have served in the Civil War--volunteering in the Union Army.

Amanda's mother Juliana died 6 Dec 1861 and her tombstone in the King Family Cemetery near the King Farm was chiseled out of stone and read "July Ann King 42 years 3mo 6 days". Jacob died 19 Jan 1893 and is buried beside Juliana. The King Family Association put a new monument up at their grave in the 1970s. They also enclosed the small cemetery with a link fence. There are only six marked graves in the plot--two of the other graves are marked for Jacob and Juliana's two daughters who never married. A complete record of the Jacob King family can be found in the book King Cousins--Descendants of Jacob King and His Wife Juliana Kimberling published by me, Bennie Frownfelter Burkett in 1993.

#### **George and Amanda Frownfelter Move to Arkansas**

George and Amanda Frownfelter continued to live in Hickory Co MO after their marriage in 1882 until after the birth of two sons, George Jefferson b 17 April 1883 and William Bradford b 25 May 1885. They moved in a covered wagon to the community where George's parents, Henry and Hester had moved in 1883--they moved either in 1886 or 1887. They lived on land in the same section as his parents--S19, T4, R4. It is thought that they moved into the small house that his parents had built near their own home. (This house was described in the application for homestead that Hester completed after her husband's death.) Two more sons and one daughter was born to George and Amanda after they moved to Arkansas.

On 23 April 1893, when he was only 41 years old, George Frownfelter died from an infection caused by a hip injury which he received while working in a hay field. (The injury happened the summer before.) He was buried in the nearby Coffield Cemetery. Amanda was left with a 17-month old son, Edward Benjamin, and four

more children under 11 years of age. As was stated in the history of Henry and Jane Frownfelter, Henry had died in 1888 and for some reason Jane, his wife, and her two grown children, Jim and Hester Ellen, sold their land (giving some to Amanda) and around 1895-96 left Arkansas County, leaving Amanda King Frownfelter and her five small children all alone on the prairie. By 1900 Amanda Frownfelter had sold her little home and the farm for \$1.25 per acre--she could not afford to pay the taxes. Records show that she sold their milk cow and a calf for \$25 and their pony for \$25. Until her sons were old enough to work, Amanda was the housekeeper for a widowed farmer who had small children of his own. She was allowed to move her children with her to this home.

As soon as her children were old enough to work, she found small houses in the Turley and Stillwell communities where she would set up housekeeping for herself and her four children. In 1898 her son William died. Before her son Ed was old enough to go to school, he was already setting traps to kill fur bearing animals which he skinned and sold the furs--usually for 25 to 50 cents per skin. By the time he was 10 years old he was working from early morning until dark in the hay fields getting 15 cents per day. Since he was too young to do actual labor in the fields, he was placed on the hay baler and with his feet, fed the hay into the baler--a very dangerous job and one in which many people lost their feet while working.

Amanda Frownfelter was determined that her children should attend school. The records from the Houghton, Turley and Stillwell one-room schools show that her children all attended regularly no matter in which school district she and her children were living. The school records for the Houghton school district show that Ed started to school there when he was only five years old.

Ed Frownfelter remembered the first year that his mother moved out of the home where she had been keeping house for the farmer whose wife had died: "Most of the furniture had been sold when we moved in with the Pleas Johnson family. So when mother decided to move out on our own we could not afford right off to buy a cookstove so we cooked on an open fire in the back yard."

Amanda's days of rearing a family was not to end when her own children grew up and got married. Amanda's only daughter, Mary Amanda, married a neighbor boy, Harold Hillman, and Mary died six weeks after giving birth to her fourth child, Irene. Mary had already given birth to a son who died in infancy and two more sons, John and Charles. The Hillman family took the infant girl and reared her, and the two sons were reared by Grandmother Amanda and her bachelor son, Jake. John and Charles "Mutt" Hillman lived with their grandmother and uncle until they married.

Amanda continued to live the rest of her life with her son Jake in a comfortable home on a rice farm in the Turley community, not far from the farm that she and her husband George moved to in 1887 when they came to this county from Missouri. She lived to see all 14 of her grandchildren (two died in infancy), and her first three great grandchildren--Billy and Mary Margaret Hillman, children of her grandson John whom Amanda had raised and Nicky Hargrove, son of Elsie Marie Frownfelter, who was the daughter of Amanda's son, Ed. Grandma Frownfelter died with

pneumonia in her home on 16 February 1933 at age 81. The funeral service was held by Rev. Butler, minister of the First Baptist Church at DeWitt. As was the custom in those days, the service was held in her and her son's home and she was buried in the nearby Coffield Cemetery where her husband had been buried some 39 years earlier. Both graves are marked.

Amanda Frownfelter was a perfect example of the pioneer woman--she moved by covered wagon while yet a baby with her parents from Virginia to Missouri. Then she left an established community in Missouri where she had a comfortable home and a father and eight brothers and sisters, and moved again by covered wagon with her husband and two small sons to the Grand Prairie of Arkansas County where the nearest town was many miles away. The prairie at that time could not be cultivated and the only sources of income were hay and cattle.

Her greatest fear was of prairie fires which in the early years often swept the countryside with devastating results. As long as she lived, she kept a large barrel of water, gunny sacks and old mops near her home, in case a fire broke out. (The virgin prairie land around her home had long since been plowed and planted with rice--but the memory of those early years on the prairie with its tall grasses could not be erased from her mind, and she continued to be prepared.) After she left Missouri in 1887, she never saw her father again; in fact the only two of her family that ever came to Arkansas to visit her were her sister, Elizabeth, and her brother, Columbus--and she never once returned to Missouri, but she kept track of her family through letters. She talked so much about them, that her children felt they had actually known their aunts, uncles and cousins. It was only after she had been dead for many years that her son Ed, and his wife Rosa, went to Hickory County, Missouri and met her kinfolk.

In her later years she only occasionally left her own home, yet she was mentally alert and vitally interested in her family as long as she lived--all were welcome at Grandma's home and she, indeed, was one of those "whose children and grandchildren will always call her blessed". The compiler of this family history feels that she was fortunate to have known her pioneer grandmother, Amanda King Frownfelter. In 1980 Amanda Frownfelter's granddaughter, Bennie Frownfelter Burkett published the book *Stuttgart, Arkansas--One Hundred Years On The Grand Prairie* and she dedicated the book to this noble prairie pioneer mother.

Amanda Frownfelter's granddaughter, Bennie, now has in her possession an old record book in which Amanda carefully wrote all the vital statistics on her family. This included the place and year of birth of her father-in-law, Henry Frownfelter, as well as his death. She included no information on her mother-in-law, Jane Frownfelter. Also in the book was a statement giving her own marriage date, etc. in 1882 in Missouri. Finally she had written this statement in her little book: "Amanda Frownfelter united with the Advent Church Sept. 22nd 1889 by Rev. Nokes. George H. Frownfelter was baptized Oct 3rd 1889 by Rev. Nokes at Little Lagrue and was taken in as a member in the Advent Church at Prairieville Oct 3rd 1889."

It is known that both Amanda and her husband George, had been

born into Lutheran families, and Amanda had most likely been baptized in infancy in the Lutheran Church in Wythe County or Bland County VA thus she did not have to be re-baptized when she went into the church in her community in 1889, but evidently George had been born in an area of Iowa where there was no Lutheran Church and therefore had never been baptized as a baby so he had to be baptized in the Little Lagrue Bayou before he could join the church which occurred one week after Amanda became a member. There was no Lutheran Church in the Quincy area of Hickory County and the closest Lutheran Church to them in Arkansas County was some 20 miles away in Stuttgart.

**Children of George and Amanda King Frownfelter:**

- I. George Jefferson Frownfelter b 17 April 1883
- II. William Bradford Frownfelter b 25 May 1885
- III. Jacob Harrison Frownfelter b 3 July 1887
- IV. Mary Amanda Frownfelter b 25 Dec 1889
- V. Edward Benjamin Frownfelter b 11 Nov. 1891 See next chapter

I. GEORGE JEFFERSON FROWNFELTER b 17 April 1883 on a farm in Quincy MO in Hickory County. When he was about four years old his parents moved to the Turley community in Arkansas Co AR bringing with them Jeff and his baby brother William. Jeff's grandparents had moved to that community in Arkansas County in 1883 and had taken out homestead papers. George and Amanda Frownfelter moved into a small house that George's parents had built for them on their land. Jeff married Leona McPherson and they had seven daughters. He lived all of his life in or around the Turley community. He died 6 March 1961 and his wife died in 1965 and they are buried in the Coffield Cemetery in the Frownfelter plot near his parents. Their children:

- 1. Rosa Mae Frownfelter md/1 Jack DeBord and had a daughter
  - A. Nancy Sue DeBord md Calvin Hale and they have 3 sonsRosa Mae m/2 Andy Duncan and had:
  - B. John Duncan md Debbie Houchens and has a son and dau.
  - C. Beverly Duncan
  - D. Helen Ann Duncan
- 2. Lillie Myrtle Frownfelter
- 3. Lucille Frownfelter
- 4. Ella Pearl Frownfelter
- 5. Ruby Frownfelter md John Duncan
  - A. Jeff Duncan
  - B. Betty Duncan
  - C. Carol Duncan md and has a dau. and 2 sons
  - D. Terry Duncan (f) md and has a son
- 6. Marie Frownfelter
- 7. Julia Belle Frownfelter

II. WILLIAM B. FROWNFELTER b 25 June 1884 in Quincy MO. He moved with his parents to Ark. Co Ark in 1887. He died 5 Dec 1898 and is buried by his parents in Coffield Cemetery. William died with pneumonia.

III. JACOB HARRISON FROWNFELTER b 3 July 1887 on his parents farm in the Turley community in Ark Co Ark. He was named Jacob for his mother's father, Jacob King. His mother Amanda lived with him

until her death in 1933. Jake, as he was called, was a rice farmer. When Jake's sister Mary Amanda Hillman died in 1916 soon after childbirth, Jake and his mother took her two sons, John and Charles Edward Hillman into their home and the two of them reared Mary's sons. The two boys remained in their home until they each married. Jake married Emma Weidner in 1937 in Stuttgart, AR. She was b 23 Aug 1892 in Illinois. They had no children. They lived on various farms until he retired and they built a brick home in Stuttgart at 1220 S. Prairie St. Jake died on 6 Oct 1969 and Emma died in 1994. Both are buried in Lone Tree Cemetery, Stuttgart, beside his brother Ed and wife Rosa. They have identical tombstones to Ed and Rosa's.

IV. MARY AMANDA FROWNFELTER was b in Turley Community, Ark Co Ark on Christmas day 1889. She was named for her mother and for her grandmother, Mary Jane Hall Frownfelter. She married Harold Hillman in 1909 and they lived in the Stillwell community--now known as Lodges Corner. In the 1910 Federal Census they were living in the home of her widowed mother, Amanda Frownfelter. Harold was b 26 Feb 1887 at Hanging Rock, Lawrence Co Ohio. His parents were Thomas and Ellen Doty Hillman. They were farmers. Mary and Harold had three sons (one d in inf.) and one daughter. Mary died when her baby daughter was six weeks old; she died from an infection as a result of childbirth on 1 July 1916 and is buried near her parents in the Frownfelter plot in the Coffield Cemetery. Her grave is marked as is her parents, and the one son that d in inf. Harold remarried that same year and he and this wife Ruth ---- had three sons and a dau. who d in inf. Harold was drowned while on a picnic on 4 Sept 1922. Mary Amanda's children:

1. JOHN LESLIE HILLMAN was b 19 Jan 1912 in the Stillwell community, Ark Co Ark. His mother died when he was four years old and he and his brother Charles went to live with their grandmother, Mrs. George (Amanda) Frownfelter, and their Uncle Jake in the nearby community of Turley. They finished school at Turley School. John md Evelyn Dyer 30 June 1930 in Ark Co. She was b 24 June 1912 in Tenn. Her parents died when she was young and she was reared by her half-sister, "Aunt Vick" and her husband Edwin Heinrich. John was a rice farmer, farming first in Ark. Co and around 1945 moved his family to a large farm near Carlisle Ark. They were both active in the Methodist Church. After his retirement they moved into the town of Carlisle where they built a brick home. John died 26 July 1977 and Evelyn died 23 Jan. 1989 and both are buried in the Carlisle Cemetery. Both Johnny and Evelyn Hillman will always be remembered for their care and concern for their neighbors. There are probably few people who have given so much of their time and money to help their fellow man. They had five children:

A. John William (Billy) Hillman was b 15 May 1931 in the New Providence Community Ark Co Ark. They were living in a house on John's Uncle Ed Frownfelter's farm where John was working. He graduated from Carlisle High School; md Phyllis Roger 18 Feb 1951 at Carlisle. He was a rice farmer and he died with a heart attack 17 Mar 1983. He is buried at Carlisle Cemetery.

a. Pamela Ann Hillman b 13 Feb 1952; she graduated from Carlisle High School and the University of Ark. at Little Rock. She md Danny Smith 27 Feb 1970. He is a farmer and she teaches

school.

*Stuart*

- aa. Jeffry ~~Stewart~~ Smith b 8 Aug 1970
- bb. Jason Daniel Smith b 2 July 1973
- cc. Cynthia Breamme Smith b 25 Jan 1979

b. Karen Marie Hillman b 11 Mar 1956; m/1 Chuck Wallace 30 Dec 1977. She graduated from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR. She m/2 Mike Burgess 21 Mar 1987. They live in Lonoke where she teaches school.

- aa. Ashley Renee Wallace B 2 Feb 1980
- bb. Whitney Paige Burgess b 19 Oct 1987

B. Mary Margaret Hillman b 10 Jan 1933 in Ark Co Ark. She finished at Carlisle High School and md Charles Curry 26 Aug 1950. They are farmers and live at 8 Cricket Lane, Lonoke AR 72086

a. Kenneth Ray Curry b 21 June 1951. He graduated from Carlisle H.S. and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He md Cindy Jones from Bird City Kansas on 27 June 1981. He is a pilot for American Airlines and she is a registered nurse, but does not now work. They live at Keller, TX. Cindy was b 29 Mar 1954.

- aa. Matthew Christopher Curry b 8 Sept 1983
- bb. Benjamin Jones Curry b 11 Mar 1985
- cc. Daniel Andrew Curry b 5 June 1987

b. Dale Lynn Curry b 17 Aug 1955 and graduated from Carlisle H.S. and attended the University of Central Ark. He md Jolene Hanaman 22 July 1978. She was b 28 Oct 1955. They live in Lonoke Ark where he is a farmer and she is a registered dietician.

- aa. Adam Bryce Curry b 15 Aug 1981
- bb. Jonathan Dale Curry b 2 Sept 1985

c. Anita June Curry 18 June 1957; she graduated from Lonoke H.S. and the University of Central Arkansas, Conway. She md Joe Wilson 29 June 1979. He was b 23 Oct 1958. They live in Lonoke Ark where she is a program assistant in the county ASCA office and he is a telephone installation and repair technician.

- aa. Kristin Machelle Wilson b 1 Nov 1980
- bb. Belinda Jo Wilson b 26 Mar 1985

C. Jacob Edwin (Eddie) Hillman b 14 Sept 1934 in Ark Co Ark. He graduated from Carlisle H.S.; md Phyllis Gentry 16 Mar 1963 at the Baring Cross Baptist Church, North Little Rock. He was a farmer and he died with a heart attack 21 Jan 1975 and is buried in the Carlisle Cemetery.

- a. Michael Edwin Hillman b 20 Dec 1969

D. Bennie Eugene Hillman b 2 Mar 1943 in Ark Co Ark and was drowned 7 Mar 1945 on his parents farm near Carlisle.

E. Robert (Bob) Floyd Hillman b 17 Oct 1944 in Ark Co Ark. He graduated from Carlisle H.S. and attended the University of Central Ark; md Sharon Jackson in 1964 at the Methodist Church in Carlisle.

a. John Robert Hillman b 11 Oct 1965; graduated from Carlisle H.S. and Arkansas State University, Jonesboro Ark.

b. Paul Edward Hillman b 4 Aug 1967; graduated from Carlisle H.S. and Arkansas State University, Jonesboro Ark.

2. CHARLES EDWARD HILLMAN was b 19 Nov 1913 in the Stillwell community, Ark Co Ark. He was reared by his maternal grandmother, Amanda Frownfelter and his Uncle Jake Frownfelter in the Turley community. He finished school at Turley School. He married Mary Lucille Montgomery 19 Nov 1932. Lucille was b 13 Oct 1915. Charles

was a rice farmer, farming first with his Uncle Jake, and then until his death was a farmer in the Stillwell community. He was named by his mother for her brother, Edward Frownfelter. Charles died with cancer on 10 Apr 1957 and he is buried in the Lone Tree Cemetery, Stuttgart Ark. After his death, Lucille married Porter John and they lived in the brick home that was originally built by Jake and Emma Frownfelter in Stuttgart. Porter and Lucille both were killed in a car/truck accident between DeWitt and Stuttgart on 27 June 1991.

A. Betty Charlene Hillman was b 3 Sept 1934 at Stuttgart. She graduated from Stuttgart H.S. and attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She m/1 Bobby Roberts at Lodges Corner United Methodist Church; m/2 Chuck Lancaster of Memphis; m/3 Dr. Fred Lee of Little Rock. She is Executive Secretary at Darragh Company, Little Rock.

a. Mary Josephine (Mary Jo) Roberts was b 19 June 1957. She later was adopted by Chuck Lancaster. She attended Hendrix College in Conway and is an insurance agent in Little Rock. She m/1 John Paul Balkman Jr. 27 Nov 1981 and was divorced 28 Nov 1988; m/2 Robert Clyde Watkins and they live in Little Rock.

aa. Suzanne Elizabeth Balkman b 30 July 1984

B. Thomas Harold Hillman was b 25 Oct 1936 in Stuttgart Ark. He graduated from Stuttgart H.S. and attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville for three years and at his father's death, he took over the family farm. On 6 July 1957 he married Shelby Jean Simpson at the First Baptist church in Stuttgart. She graduated from Stuttgart H.S. and attended the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Tommy is now president of Winrock Farms and they live in Carlisle. Tommy is very active in many phases of farming and an outstanding leader in his community and state. He is in 1996 Chairman of the Board of Riceland Foods. They are active members of the First United Methodist church in Carlisle. Shelby Jean is the d/o Shelby and Clara Simpson, Stuttgart.

a. Thomas Harold (Hal) Hillman, Jr. was b 11 Feb 1959; graduated from Carlisle H.S and he got his MBA at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He md Amy Kay West 3 Sept 1983 in Denton, TX. She was b 5 Sept 1958 and she got a degree in journalism from Baylor University. They live in Dallas, TX where he is in banking and investments.

aa. Thomas Harold Hillman III b 11 Sept 1987

bb. Christopher Lane Hillman b 13 July 1990

cc. daughter -----

b. Richard (Rich) Edward Hillman b 2 Mar 1963; graduated from Carlisle H.S. and the University of Ark at Fayetteville. He is engaged in agri-business in Carlisle.

C. Dixie Carol Hillman b 7 July 1938 in Stuttgart. She graduated from Stuttgart H.S. and the University of Central Arkansas. She was a Biology teacher in North Little Rock High School. She md Thomas Franklin Kenneth Harrison, Sr. 27 Sept 1957. He was b 18 Oct 1938 and he got his BSE degree at UCA and his MAT from Tulane University. He is an investment banker/broker. Dixie was on the North Little Rock School Board for a number of years. They now (in 1996) live in Heber Springs.

a. Thomas Franklin Kenneth Harrison, Jr b 8 Jan 1970 and

in 1993 is attending the University of Ark at Fayetteville. He md Tracee Ann King on 4 Jan 1992 in North Little Rock.

D. Sandra Lucille Hillman b 31 May 1941 in Stuttgart. She graduated from Stuttgart H.S. and received a BSE degree from the University of Ark at Fayetteville. She md Jerry Winston Cavaneau 15 June 1963 at Lodges Corner United Methodist Church. Jerry got his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He was named a Federal Judge in 1991 and they live part-time in Little Rock and Searcy. Sandy has been a Social Studies teacher in Searcy Middle School.

a. Jerry Nicholas Cavaneau b 6 May 1968. Graduated from Hendrix and is now at the University of Ark. Medical School.

b. Anna Elizabeth Cavaneau b 31 Aug 1972 and is now a student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

3. **IRENE HILLMAN** b 27 May 1916 in Ark Co Ark. Her mother died when she was only one month and three days old, and she was reared by her father's sister, Helen Hillman Od/Neal. She finished high school in California and got her degree in nursing from the University of California. She md Robert Lorenze Moore on 30 June 1940. They live in Sacramento California.

A. Carolyn Jeanne Moore b 30 July 1941. She graduated from the Univ. of California and is married

B. Robert Lawrence Moore b 22 Nov 1943

C. Cathy Ann Moore b 12 July 1946

D. Stephen Hillman Moore b 7 Apr 1953

V. **EDWARD BENJAMIN FROWNFELTER** was the last child born to George and Amanda King Frownfelter. He was b 11 Nov 1891 in the Turley community where his parents had moved in 1887 when they came from Hickory Co Missouri. The site of their home was near where the old Turley schoolhouse is standing in 1996 and the land then belonged to Ed's grandparents, Henry and Jane Frownfelter and now is a part of the O.L. Green farm that belongs to Mr. Green's heirs. Ed Frownfelter married Rosa Belle Frances Knapp Jones on 1 Jan 1912. Rosa had m/1 John Jones in Ravenwood MO and they had John Harold, Murrell and Lucille Jones. Ed and Rosa Frownfelter had:

A. Roy E. Frownfelter 27 Oct 1912; d 8 Feb 1913

B. Elsie Marie Frownfelter b 11 June 1915

C. Bennie Alene Frownfelter b 1 Aug 1918

Refer to the next chapter for a complete record on Edward Benjamin Frownfelter and his wife Rosa Knapp Jones.

It should be noted that not all of the records on the descendants of Mary Amanda Frownfelter have been updated since they were gathered around 1990. Various members of the family have been contacted but there was no response. B.B.

CERTIFIED COPY OF

## Marriage License

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF Hickory

This license authorizes any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel who is a Citizen of the United States, or any other person authorized under the Laws of this State to solemnize marriage between

Mr. George H. Frownfelter

in the County of Hickory and State of Missouri  
who is over the age of twenty-one years,  
and Miss Amanda King

in the County of Hickory  
and State of Missouri who is over the age of eighteen years

WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk & Ex-Officio Recorder with the Seal of Office hereto  
(SEAL) affixed at my Office in the town of Hermitage, the 13th  
day of February 1892.

By Moses W. Neihardt  
Deputy, Circuit Clerk & Ex-Officio Recorder of Davis

STATE OF MISSOURI,  
County of St. Clair }  
Minister of Gospel }  
his residence }  
day of February A.D. 1892, while in Marriage the above  
named persons did make this certificate. John D. Sturz

Married by Deed of Deed Book 1

## THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

County of

Know all Men by these Presents:  
that we have made and delivered unto Henry Frownfelter, deceased and Jane Frownfelter, his  
widow, in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars, the same to be paid by us in  
hand, and to be held and used for the support and maintenance of the said Jane Frownfelter, her  
widow, and her heirs and assigns forever.

do hereby grant, sell and convey to the said Jane Frownfelter, her heirs and assigns forever  
the following land, lying in the County of Arkansas and State of Arkansas, to wit:

Tract 4, containing 40 acres and seventeen acres  
off of the East End of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 19 Town 4 S.  
Range 4 West.

5 Jan 1894

Jane Frownfelter gave her widowed daughter-in-law Amanda F. 57 acres of Henry and Jane's original Homestead land in 1894 when she moved to Perkins OK with her son Jim and daughter Hester and two grandchildren of her son John.

## Marriage License of George Frownfelter and Amanda King

STATE OF Missouri

COUNTY OF Arkansas

TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Mill Bayou Township

NAME OF INSTITUTION X

## DEPARTMENT OF CENSUS THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 POPULATION

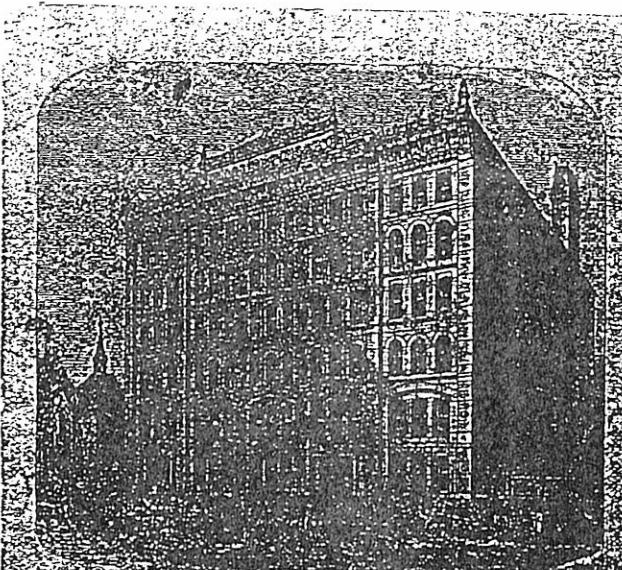
NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 1910

LOCATION	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	RACE		
				White	Black	Other
45 65	Ravenport John R.	Head	2 w 53 m 26	Illinois	Kentucky	Tennessee
	Wife	2 w 67 m 27	5 4	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky
	Martin M.	Son	2 w 26	Illinois	Illinois	Kentucky
	Benjamin	Son	2 w 16 6	Illinois	Illinois	Kentucky
	Hughes, Helen C.	Son	2 w 4 8	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Walker, John A.	Son	2 w 16 m 17	Illinois	Illinois	Tennessee
45 66	McDaniel William	Head	2 w 23 m 0	Kansas	Can. English	Iowa
	Carmel	Wife	2 w 12 m 0	Kansas	Canadian	Arkansas
46 67	McInnes, Forrest	Head	2 w 19 m 31	Kansas	Irish	Kansas
	Marta	Wife	2 w 11 m 31	Illinois	Eng. English	Eng. English
	Williams	Son	2 w 19 6	Illinois	Irish German	Missouri
	George	Son	2 w 17 6	Illinois	Irish German	Missouri
	Marta	Son	2 w 10 6	Illinois	Irish German	Missouri
	Alice	Daughter	2 w 12 6	Illinois	Irish German	Missouri
	Nellie	Daughter	2 w 10 6	Illinois	Irish German	Missouri
47 68	Folridge Harry P.	Head	2 w 20 m 3	Iowa	Illinois	Iowa
	Emmie	Wife	2 w 03 m 3	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
	Bessie	Daughter	2 w 2 6	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
	Pearl	Daughter	2 w 0 6	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
	Steve, Cooper	Head	2 w 25 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
48 69	Virginia Nancy	Head	2 w 10 m 6	7 5	Missouri	United States
	James C.	Son	2 w 16 6	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Missouri
	Patrick J.	Son	2 w 12 6	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Missouri
	Constance Charles	Son	2 w 07 6	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Missouri
	Robert Ralph E.	Son	2 w 21 6	Illinois	Illinois	United States
49 70	Stetman, George A.	Head	2 w 16 m 27	Woollywood	Woollywood	South Carolina
	Frances	Wife	2 w 8 m 27	7 5	South Carolina	South Carolina
	Earl	Son	2 w 18 6	Arkansas	Arkansas	South Carolina
	Maggie	Daughter	2 w 22 6	Arkansas	Arkansas	South Carolina
	Rufles	Son	2 w 22 6	Arkansas	Arkansas	South Carolina
50 71	Heien, Thora	Head	2 w 44 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Albert	Son	2 w 11 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Anna	Daughter	2 w 16 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Hannah	Son	2 w 11 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Otto	Son	2 w 9 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Mary	Daughter	2 w 5 6	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
	Niss, Gerald	Head	2 w 11 6	Missouri	Missouri	United States
51 72	Folridge, Anna	Head	2 w 44	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
	Jeff	Son	2 w 27 6	Illinois	Illinois	Virginia
	Mike	Son	2 w 22 6	Illinois	Illinois	Virginia
	Edward	Son	2 w 11 6	Illinois	Illinois	Virginia
	Hillman, Ted	Head	2 w 22 m 1	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Virginia
	Mary	Daughter	2 w 20 m 1	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Virginia

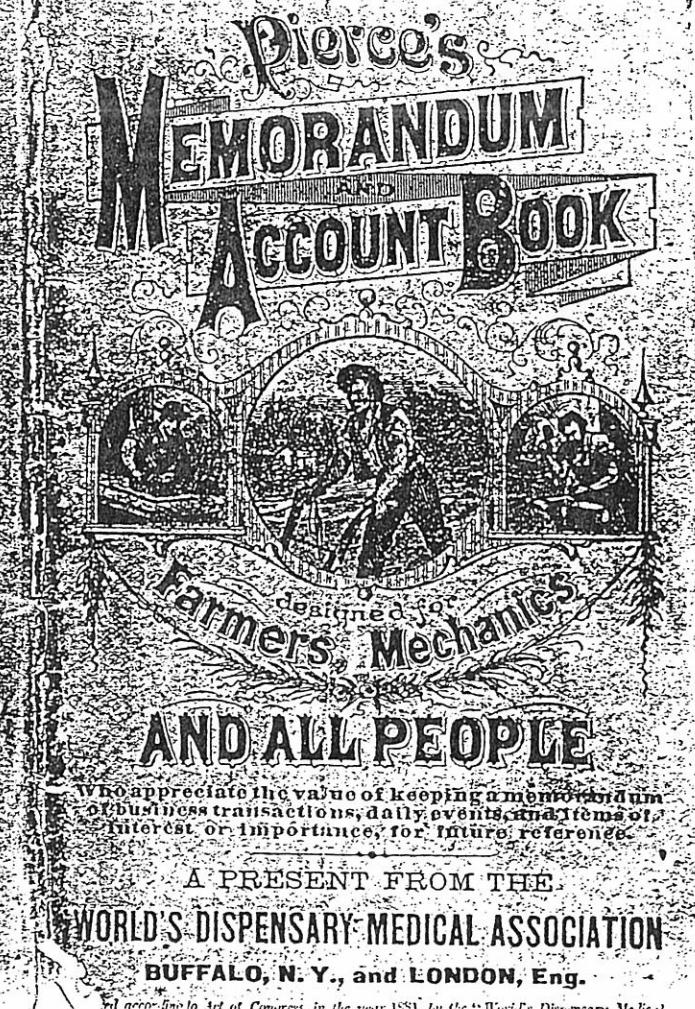
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Daughter  
Amanda

THE FAMILY RECORDS OF GEORGE HOWARD FROWNFELTER AND HIS WIFE AMANDA KING  
These next four pages were prepared for and are published in the  
book AMERICAN BIBLE RECORDS compiled by Marilyn Sickel Tollville, AR



...and the author's own words, "I have been writing for a long time now, and I am still learning how to do it well."

Dr. Elmer's Favorite Prescription is sold by all druggists. See notice of "Common Sense Medical Adviser" on preceding page.



The important records of pioneer families sometimes were kept in something other than Bibles. As an example my grandmother Amanda Frownfelter kept her family's dates of births, deaths, etc. in a **Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book** which according to the above cover was "A present from the World's Dispensary Medical Association".

The small calendar pages at the top of some of the pages show that the account book was printed for the years 1882 and 1883. George Frownfelter and Amanda King were married February 15, 1882, and their marriage information is the first entry she made in the little book. All of the entries were made by Grandmother Frownfelter except that of her death which my father, Edward Frownfelter made after her death Feb. 16, 1933. As Amanda Frownfelter grew older one can see how her penmanship deteriorated--probably as a result of poor eyesight.....These typed comments on the records of Amanda Frownfelter were made by her granddaughter, Bennie Frownfelter Burkett d/o Edward Frownfelter.

Dr. Pierce's Pel.  
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(tincture) —  
and billows

### Memoranda.

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(beware of imi-  
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headache.

Mr. George Frownfelter  
Mr. Condron King was  
invited in his bonds of  
matrimony Wednesday  
February 16, 1889, by  
Reverent John Sims

George J. Frownfelter  
Was borned Tuesday  
April 17, 1883.

Henry Frownfelter  
was in Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg in 1820  
and died March 6,  
1888.

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Following her recording their marriage, Amanda entered the record of their first child George (Jefferson) Frownfelter borned Tuesday, April 17, 1883. (At Quincy, Hickory County, MO.) Her next entry was the birth and death of her husband's father, Henry Frownfelter. Henry's birth was 17 May 1820 and is recorded in the Zion Lutheran Church records, Harrisburg, PA. Henry F. was the grandson and namesake of Henry Frownfelter who was in the Revolutionary War from Berks Co., PA. As shown above, he died March 6, 1888 and is buried in the Coffield Cemetery, south of Stuttgart, Arkansas.

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### Memoranda.

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and bowels.

Amanda Frownfelter  
was born the 11th day  
of may, 1852.  
Died Feb 16, 1933  
George J. Frownfelter  
was born 25th day  
of December, 1852.

George Jefferson Frownfelter  
was born 17th day  
of April, 1883.

William Nathaniel Frownfelter  
was born 25th day of  
May, 1885.

Jacob Frownfelter  
was born 3 day of  
July 1887.

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Amanda Frownfelter was born 11th da of May, 1852, (Wythe Co., Virginia. Her husband George was born 25th da of Dec., 1852 (in Iowa). Amanda then repeats the birth of her eldes child; then the birth of William H. born 25th day of May 1885 (these tw sons were born in Hickory Co., MO. Next is the birth of Jacob (Harriso born 3 day of July 1887. (He and the other children were all born in the Turley Community about 16 miles SE of Stuttgart, Ark.)

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### Memoranda.

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Birth day

Mary Frownfelter

Brownfelter was  
born December 25, 1885

Edda Frownfelter

was born

November 11, 1891

Bud Frownfelter  
die the of

December 1898

George H. Frownfelter

die April 29 day  
1893

Amanda Frownfelter's only daughter, Mary Amanda Frownfelter was borned December 25, 1885. (She married Harold Hillman and she died soon after giving birth to daughter, Irene--her death was on July 1, 1916). Amanda's last child, Edda (Edward Benjamin) Frownfelter was born November 11, 1891. The next two entries on this page are repeats of deaths she had listed elsewhere and were obviously listed years later when her eyesight had begun to fail. (Ed Frownfelter died 27 March, 1984 in Stuttgart, Ark.)

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### Memoranda.

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Bud H. Frownfelter  
died December  
5th 1898.

George H. Frownfelter  
died April 23rd  
day 1893.

Amanda Frownfelter  
Died Feb. 16th 1933

Amanda's son Bud (William) H. Frownfelter died December 5th 1898--her only child not to reach maturity. Her husband George Howard Frownfelter died April 23th 1893 (from injuries received in a farming accident.) Ed Frownfelter, Amanda's son recorded his mother's death, Feb. 16th, 1933. (She is buried beside her husband in the community cemetery known as the Coffield Cemetery about 16 miles SE of Stuttgart. George's father Henry is also buried there. Henry's wife, Jane and a son and daughter moved to Perkins, OK, where she died in 1898.)

1882.

S	6	13	20	27
M	13	20	27	30
T	1	8	15	22
W	2	9	16	23
T	3	10	17	24
F	4	11	18	25
S	5	12	19	26

**AUGUST.**THIS WILL REMIND ME OF  
MY DAILY EXPENSES. -

1883.

S	5	12	19	26
M	6	13	20	27
T	7	14	21	28
W	8	15	22	29
T	9	16	23	30
F	10	17	24	31
S	11	18	25	..

George A. Frownfelter  
died April 23 day of  
1893.

Bud Frownfelter  
died December 6 day  
1898.

Willie B Frownfelter  
died Dec 6 day 1898

George A. Frownfelter  
died April 23 day 1893

Amanda B Frownfelter  
died April 8 day 1893

George H. (Howard) Frownfelter died April 23 day of 1893. This was probably written soon after his death as was the death of Amanda's son Bud Frownfelter died December 5 day 1898. She repeated the entry for "Bud" this time calling him "Willie B." She then repeated the record of her husband's death, 23 April 1893. The final entry on this page is William B. Frownfelter who died April 5, 1893. This is believed to have been George H. Frownfelter's brother, William who is known to have moved to Arkansas with the family from Hickory Co., MO.

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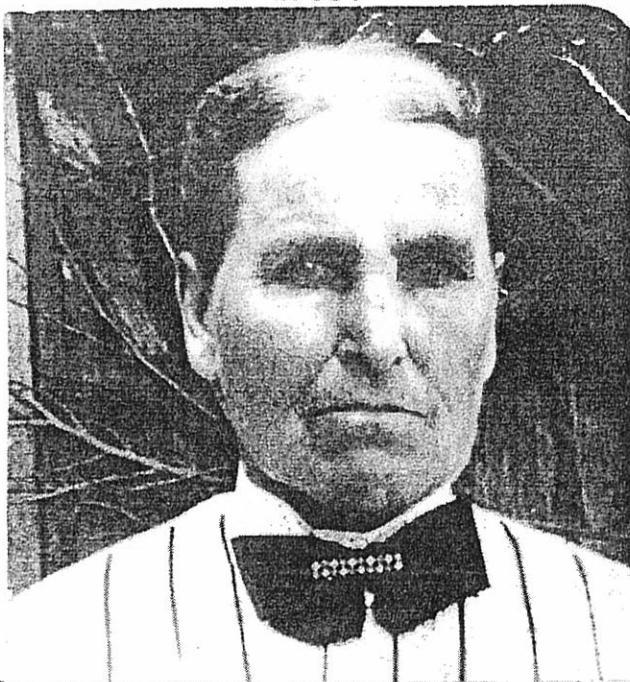
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George H. Frownfelter  
was Baptized October 3 M.  
1889 by Rev Stokes  
of Little Dixie  
and was taken in  
as member in the  
Advent Church  
Pineyville October 3  
Amanda Frownfelter  
united with the  
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September 23 M. 1889  
by Rev Stokes

Amanda Frownfelter recorded this important event in her and her husband's lives. George Frownfelter came from a devout Lutheran family, but evidently the family was living where there was no Lutheran Church when he was born in 1852 in Iowa--thus he was baptised, but Amanda simply "united" with the Advent Church so she most probably had been baptised in Wythe Co., VA in a Lutheran Church since she too had come from a Lutheran family. There were no Lutheran churches in Hickory County, MO where she grew up and the closest Lutheran Church in Arkansas County was in Stuttgart, some 16 miles from their home.



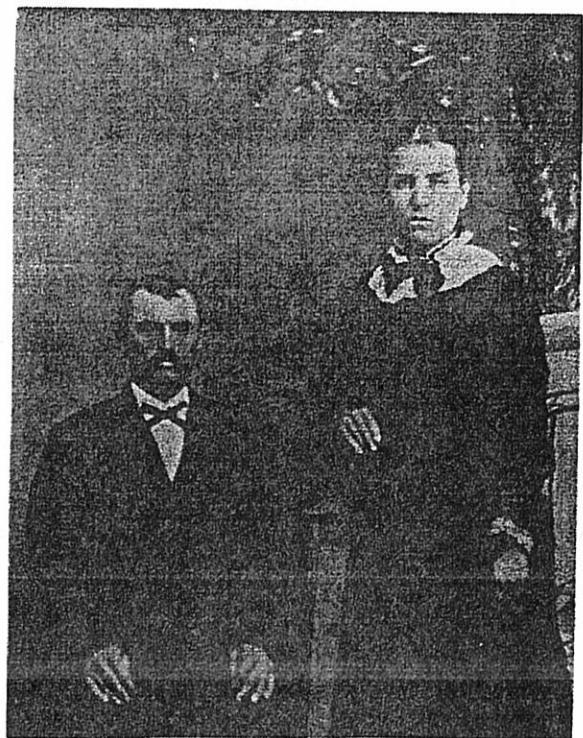
Grandma Amanda never changed her style of dress-- always a long skirt with a white apron over it. This photo was taken not long before her death in 1933.



Grandma Amanda was a real pioneer-- when an infant her folks moved to Indian country in MO then when 30 she moved with her husband to tall prairie land in AR ten miles from the closest village.



George Howard Frownfelter died when only 40 years old as a result of an infection in the hip following an accident in the hay field.



Wedding picture of Amanda King and George Howard Frownfelter taken from an old tintype. They were married Feb. 15, 1882 in St. Clair Co., MO. George died 23 Apr., 1893 leaving Amanda to rear five children (one son died young).



Grandmother Amanda Frownfelter and her only daughter Mary Amanda with Amanda's first grandchild John Leslie Hillman. Mary died soon after the birth of her daughter Irene Hillman on July 1, 1916.



Tombstone for George Howard Frownfelter



Tombstone for Amanda Frownfelter is beside her husband's in Coffield Cemetery ca 17 miles S.E. of Stuttgart, Arkansas.

EDWARD BENJAMIN FROWNFELTER  
Son of George Frownfelter<sup>6</sup> and wife Amanda King<sup>2</sup>  
Edward Benjamin<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Adam<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup>

Edward Benjamin Frownfelter was the last child born to George and Amanda King Frownfelter. He was born 11 Nov 1891 in the home that his parents moved to when they came to Arkansas in 1887. This was the house that his parents had built on their homestead farm that was listed on their homestead papers as a small tenant house near their own house. The site of this home is near where the old Turley schoolhouse stood--the last schoolhouse built there on this site in the 1940s is still standing, but is no longer being used. Not long after his father's death in 1893, Ed's mother had to sell this land--she could not afford to pay the taxes. (When Henry Frownfelter's widow, Jane, left the community, she gave this land to her son's widow, Amanda.)

Ed was only 17 months old when his father died as a result of an accident in the hay field the previous summer. The struggles of this pioneer widowed mother are discussed elsewhere in the previous chapter. Ed had a wonderful memory and he often recalled to his children how brave and strong his mother, Amanda was as her children was growing up. She had no way of making a living until her sons were old enough to work, except to find someone who was needing a housekeeper, and who was willing to accept her five children in their household. She was determined to keep her family together--and she succeeded!

Ed, himself, was a prairie pioneer. Before he was six years old he was running his traps and with the help of his old brother, Jake was skinning the animals and selling the furs to help provide money to buy the family food and clothing. When he was six he got his first muzzle loading gun and started hunting in earnest.

This early hunting that was then a necessity carried over into his adult life. He was one of the best squirrel and duck hunters in the county. He continued hunting until he was 90 years old. His greatest love, however, was fishing and he could catch fish when others fishing with him could not even get a nibble. His son-in-law, Bill Hargrove, took him fishing on his 93rd birthday and he caught his limit.

Ed recalled that as a child they had barbed wire fence around their yard and sheep would come up to the fence and rub it, leaving some of their wool. He and his brothers then gathered this wool and their mother spun the wool into thread and then she would knit them caps and socks. At one house where they lived there was a picket fence. The children chased the wild prairie chickens up to the fence and the chickens, trying to escape, would stick their heads through the fence. The children then were able to grab the chickens--thus providing food for the table without having to use any of their expensive ammunition for their gun.

After he was over 80 years of age, Ed would recall for his children and grandchildren, memories of early events in the county. He remembered seeing the first automobile in the county; the first barbed wire fence; the first electric lights; the first paved street and highway; the first airplane and the first radio.

He followed closely the major advances in science and though he was never fully convinced that Neil Armstrong actually was ON the moon, he nevertheless watched it on television with great interest. He loved to fly and local pilots often took him up to fly over his farm when he was having canals and a reservoir constructed with a large dragline. He was especially interested in his later years of seeing the new lock and dams being built on the Arkansas River near Arkansas Post, and his daughter, Elsie Marie often took him down to the actual sites of construction to see this marvelous feat being accomplished.

On 1 Jan 1912 when Ed was 20 years old, he married a dashing young divorcee, Rosa Knapp Jones who was 10 years older than he. They were married at the home of Rosa's Uncle John Perry in Hot Springs Ark. Ed not only got a wife, but three children! Harold was then 12 years of age, Murell was 10 and Lucille was nine. The boys spent much of their childhood with their father John Jones who lived mainly in the West, and Lucille lived in the Frownfelter family, but she did visit the Jones family in the West. In 1927 she moved to Memphis and later married Garrett Sawyer there. They later moved to California and in 1940 moved back to a farm in Mud Island that they bought from Ed and Rosa. This land was a part of the Frownfelter land and is now farmed by Ed's grandson, Jerry Burkett. In 1942 Lucille and Garrett were divorced. In 1950 Lucille married Harry Ragland Sr. and they built a home in Stuttgart where she still resides at 309 East 9th Street. Lucille has no children but she has always been very close and supportive of her nephews, Nicky, Johnny and Jerry. On 15 April 1996 she was 93 years old and is still very active and alert and goes to all her clubs, her Lodges Corner United Methodist Church, her DAR chapter meeting and any place else that family and friends will take her.

Ed and Rosa bought land and built a new home very close to where he was born--on the same road and less than a mile south of that location. Ed started farming just as rice was first being introduced on the prairie. His main interest on his farm at first was cattle. By the time he and Rosa got married in 1912, he was grazing 5,000 head of cattle on the open prairie surrounding their home in the Turley community. Both of his daughters, Elsie Marie and Bennie, were born on this farm. Ed's first grandson, Nicky Hargrove, was born on a farm on this same road a few miles south. Thus three generations were born a few miles apart!

Up until the 1930s there was no stock laws in Arkansas, which meant that cattle, hogs and horses could graze anywhere that was not fenced. Thus to protect the crops, gardens and yards, farmers had to fence those places in to keep the livestock from destroying their property.

This same rule applied in the towns and since the cattle were driven on foot to the railroad yards in the towns to be shipped to St. Louis, the yards in town had to be fenced also. Ed often recalled the times he drove 200 or more cattle to Stuttgart. The men on horseback would leave the farm (some 17 miles S.E. of Stuttgart) before daylight. They drove the cattle across the prairie arriving mid-morning at the grove of trees that is now known as John Cain Park, where large watering tanks provided a place for the cattle to get a drink. The farmers on horseback

continued to keep the cattle in the grove of trees until late in the afternoon. Then the cattle were driven through the dusty streets to the railroad loading yard which was located just west of the present Crow-Burlingame building on the N.W. corner of 2nd and Main St. The cattle were again watered and then loaded on the cattle cars. It was an overnight trip by rail to the St. Louis stockyards. A farmer had to accompany his cattle to St. Louis and he was given a return ticket on a passenger train the next day.

Stuttgart ladies dreaded seeing the herds being driven down their dusty streets. Ed said the housewives and their children would be out in their yards with brooms and sticks trying to keep the cattle off their property.

Ed and Rosa survived two major depressions. The first one, soon after World War I they almost escaped! After the 1919 crops were harvested and sold at record high prices, Ed and Rosa sold their farm (at war inflated prices), and had a farm sale selling all their farm equipment, cattle, horses and all the furniture except the piano and the large cabinet Edison phonograph--these they had crated and sent to the depot at Kerman, California.

The Frownfelters, now fairly wealthy for those days, packed their kids and their clothing sent by train to visit a friend of the family that lived in Corona, California. While there, Ed went into Los Angles and bought a new Oldsmobile touring car--Olds first model after WWI. It was advertised as a "seven-seated touring car" for it had two "jump seats" attached to the back of the front seat. The family then proceeded to tour all the attractions in southern California--the main attraction then was a boat trip to Catalina Island. One should understand that there were no interstate highways, practically no paved roads, no motels and few service stations. Of course, there probably were not many cars on the roads to cause traffic jams--California had not yet come of age and Disney Land was not even a dream!

In case our young Frownfelter descendants do not understand what a touring car really was in those days, this brief description should be given. The cars had no glass enclosed windows, no heaters, no air-conditioners and no electric starters--a crank was standard equipment and the driver had to go around to the front of the car and crank the motor to get it started. When it looked like it was going to rain, the family stopped, got the side curtains out from under the back seat and snapped the curtains into place. As this writer recalls, her father, Ed, was never one to stop to put the side curtains on until he was absolutely sure it was going to rain--that meant that the rain had already started! Then by the time he got the car enclosed everyone was wet. If the sun came out after a summer shower, it would get very warm in the car with the curtains on, but no matter how much Rosa pleaded, Ed made the rest of the days trip with the family being hot and "soggy" with the side curtains tightly in place.

But back to the saga of the family moving to Kerman, California, in their new Oldsmobile. Perhaps Ed considered himself a pioneer going West just as many men did in the gold-rush of 1849--only he was going first class 1919 style! Did Ed and Rosa consider the dangers of traveling with two young daughters--18 months old and one not yet five years old? Probably not--just as

young parents today do not see dangers that their parents and grandparents worry about.

By the time the Frownfelters left sunny Southern California it was already 1920 and in the coldest months of the year--not to worry though for the new Olds came equipped with wool lap robes!

Leaving Los Angeles, the family's destination was Kerman, California which meant that they had to go over some high mountains on narrow, winding rock roads. (There were few paved roads then, even in California.) No doubt, Ed was thoroughly enjoying the trip--after all he was only 28 years old and was one that had never recognized danger, for he spent years in breaking (taming) horses and riding wild broncos. In only 28 years he had risen from a poor fatherless kid to someone that was moving West in a new automobile (which is what cars were called back then), had money in the bank and a loving wife and kids by his side! Indeed, who could ask for anything more? This heady feeling probably helped him get the family safely over the mountains.

Ed and Rosa were on their way to find a pot of gold in the promised land--the San Joaquin Valley of California where the soil was sandy and water, even then, was piped in from the Sierra Nevada mountains to water the grapes.

Ed, no doubt, was encouraged to make this move by his wife, Rosa, for her mother and step-father had already purchased a grape/raisin ranch near Kerman with Rosa's inheritance from her father, John Alonza Knapp who had died when Rosa was one year old, and her father's parents, Orlando and Jerusha Ann Hyde Knapp. The Knapps had lived near St. Joseph Missouri and were quite well-to-do. Rosa's father died in 1882 and she and her mother Frances were the only heirs. Then in 1890 John Alonza's parent both died and Rosa inherited all of John Alonza's share of their estate. This money was what was used to buy the ranch near Kerman that Frances and her second husband had bought sometime around 1912. Rosa probably gave her OK to buy the ranch with her money with the idea that she and Ed would one day move out there from Arkansas.

It is not now known how long it took Ed and Rosa to go from L.A. to Kerman, but at any rate Ed was not at Kerman very long before he found out that THIS was no Grand Prairie like he was accustomed to in Arkansas. He decided the soil was too sandy and not fertile--it certainly wouldn't hold water like the Grand Prairie's hardpan soil--the soil was mainly alkaline and in his opinion was worthless. Most likely he was thinking more about raising rice than grapes, which he obviously knew nothing about. At any rate, Ed and Rosa and family were gone from the Grand Prairie of Arkansas County less than three months.

Today as his daughters look back on Ed's visits to Grandma's house in California, we have decided he probably couldn't tolerate his step-father-in-law. While everyone liked Grandma, her choice of a second husband had to have been a terrible mistake--at least in the eyes of the grandchildren!

Whatever the reasons might have been, Ed went to the depot and changed the labels "to" and "from" on the crates with the Edison phonograph and piano and had them shipped back to Stuttgart, Ark.

Since it was now winter and adequate highways had not been built for cross-country trips, Ed sold his beautiful new Olds and

the family came back by train. Lucille Jones, Rosa's daughter by her first marriage went on by train to her father's side of the family that lived by then in Oregon. The family now thinks that it was only at the firm urging of Rosa that he sold the car--the challenge of getting back to Arkansas in that car was something that Ed probably was looking forward to. Rosa was 10 years older than her husband and was, no doubt, more mature and cautious than he.

Since the family got back to Arkansas County before it was time to put in the new crop for 1920, Ed started looking immediately for another rice farm to buy. He soon found a large farm in the New Providence community which was immediately south of his Turley neighborhood where he was born, and where he and Rosa had built their first home--in fact it was on the same road. They lived in a house in that vicinity until they got their second new home built.

Besides buying a farm and the necessary farming equipment (all at inflated prices), they also had to pay for the large home that they built on the north end of the farm. Their new house was the first modern style house built in the area, probably a style of architecture they had seen in California. It consisted of a large living room with the north end featuring a brick wall with a fireplace with window seats on either side (a great place for little girls to keep their toys). From the living room one could go into a hall leading to two bedrooms and a bath or one could go through French doors into the dining room. A large kitchen and a screened porch were to the back. Upstairs were two more large rooms--one was the girls' playroom and the other was Lucille's bedroom.

Another feature of the new home was electric lights! The Frownfelters' first home that they built in the Turley neighborhood had carbide gas lights. A small building in the back yard housed a carbide plant that made a gas. This was piped into the house and gas lighting fixtures hung in the middle of each room. They turned off and on much like a modern-day gas range. Until this home at Turley burned around 1980 the light fixtures continued to be used, only electric wires had been run through the pipes after the electric lines were installed throughout the countryside. But the new home at New Providence was much more modern. Arkansas Power and Light Company had not brought the "high lines" through the country yet, but Ed bought a Delco Light System. He built a 8x8 ft. building in the back yard and the new Delco system was installed. It had shelves of large glass battery jars. Each full of "stuff" (a kid's memory), and in each jar there was also a large colored marble. If the marbles sank, the lights in the house would start flickering--meaning the batteries had to be recharged, and that happened only if someone went out and started the motor up. While it sounds like a lot of work to us today, it was nothing short of a miracle then, and neighbors came just to see the "bright lights" all over the house. This system also furnished power for the use of an electric iron, but today we think that the refrigerator might have used butane, but perhaps earlier it, too was run by the Delco system. Today, we remember that the washing machine was in the pump house and was run by a small gas motor. A pump jack attached to the house well and powered by a small gas

engine pumped water up into a storage tank that provided running water into the house.

His first year on the new farm, Ed produced a bumper crop. As the crop was harvested he was offered \$2.50 per bushel (which was very high at that time), but he decided to store it until Spring gambling on higher prices. The bottom dropped out of the economy and he finally sold his crop of over 50,000 bushels for less than 25 cents per bushel!. This was the beginning of Ed And Rosa's first depression--the one they almost missed--had they remained in California that year.

They weathered this depression after selling off some of their land. On 5 Jan 1927 the new home burned to the ground. Ed was quail hunting in a field east of the house. Rosa and her daughter Lucille had gone to a luncheon and the two young daughters were in school one-half a mile north of their home. Ed rushed to the house and let the girls' get dog out the back door, ran around the house and broke a dining room window and got Rosa's canary out (it had already asphyxiated), then he ran around to the north side of the house and broke a window out in Bennie's bedroom, crawled in, grabbed a blanket on the foot of the bed, wrapped it around him and groped his way through the smoke to their bedroom where he kept his business papers--that drawer and the blanket he wrapped around him were all that he saved. Incidentally, the blanket was in reality the beautiful plaid wool lap robe that came in their new Oldsmobile when they bought it in California. Bennie always kept it on the foot of her bed and now in 1996 that lap robe is still in her possession--the only article that has survived that fire.

Elsie Marie and Bennie had started out to walk the half-mile to school that January morning fully protected from cold weather, but as they left they decided they did not need their winter coats and ran back and threw them on the front yard gate. As Rosa and Lucille left at noon they noticed the coats and took them back into the house. Thus the coats burned. That night the family's closest friends and neighbors, Wallace and Myrtle Epperson, took them in to their large home. During the night it started sleeting and the worst ice storm of the season began--and the girls didn't even have a coat to wear to school that next day.

In recalling that terrible fire, both Elsie Marie and Bennie remember the fear they had as they looked out the south windows of that schoolhouse and watched their home burn. But foolishly they recall their grief of losing their beautiful new bye-blow baby dolls that they both had gotten for Christmas just two weeks before, not even thinking of the huge loss of everything else in their home. Luckily the Frownfelters had insurance and they made plans to rebuild immediately. They first moved into a tenant house on their farm and then built first a large garage and storage room near the site where they planned to rebuild their home. They then moved into this first building until their house was built. Carpenters, plasterers and painters commuted back and forth from Stuttgart to build the house. Though the house was not as large as the one that burned, it was well built with hardwood floors and plastered walls. It has three bedrooms, a bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry and large screened in back porch. Today in 1996 it is being lived in and looks very much as it did when the

Frownfelters lived there. Ed and Rosa had hardly settled in their new home until the great depression of the early 1930s began. This was during the era of Herbert Hoover's administration and the first years of Franklin Roosevelt's tenure as our president. Banks failed, land prices and grain prices fell and when Roosevelt became president he closed all banks for a period of time. The Frownfelters lost their farm and they rented a farm back up in the Turley community for five years. By 1938 Ed was able to again buy a farm. This time it was a 320-acre farm at Lodges Corner--for the first time Ed and Rosa were living on an all-weather gravel road. (This is the present-day Federal Highway #165 S and was paved many years ago.) The farm had an old two-story house on it; they tore the top story off and completely renovated the downstairs making it a modern home. Thus in less than 26 years Ed and Rosa had built three new homes and completely rebuilt a fourth one.

Their older daughter had started to high school in 1927 in Stuttgart where she roomed and boarded with the Grabbe family. In 1931 while still in high school she married Bill Hargrove who was attending high school in DeWitt, but he too, had gone to grade school at New Providence one-room school. Elsie Marie and Bill moved in with the Frownfelters until after their son, Nicky Edward Hargrove was born on 19 January 1932.

When Bennie was in the 10th grade in high school at DeWitt the Frownfelters moved to the rented farm in Turley community and Bennie went to San Diego California and enrolled in high school there and lived with her sister, Lucille and husband Garrett Sawyer. They later moved to another town and Bennie roomed and boarded with a family that had a daughter that was in high school with her. She graduated from San Diego High School in June 1935. Rosa came out for her graduation and the two toured the West and visited Rosa's son by the previous marriage, Murrell Jones who lived with his family in Bremerton, Washington.

Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove bought a farm during this time in the Turley community, just one mile north of where Ed Frownfelter had been born in 1891 and just two miles from where Elsie Marie and Bennie had been born. Bennie came back to Arkansas and enrolled at a girls school in Conway, known as Central College for Girls; she got her A.A. degree from there and in 1939 got her BSE from what is now the University of Central Arkansas.

The Ed Frownfelter family had always attended church and Sunday School in the community in which they lived, but always the services were held in the local one-room schoolhouse.

It was not long after they moved to Lodges Corner and were attending Methodist services held in the Stillwell schoolhouse that the group decided it was time to build a church building at or near Lodges Corner. Ed immediately donated two acres of his land at the Corner for a church and hopefully a parsonage. He and Rosa also gave a generous cash donation and he worked regularly in actually building the church. On 4 June 1944 when Bishop Selecman came to dedicate the debt-free church building, it was Ed Frownfelter, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, that presented the church to the Bishop. This was, indeed, a proud day in Ed's life. From that time forward until his death in 1984, Ed attended every service that he was physically able to attend at the Lodges Corner United Methodist

Church.

In 1944 Ed and Rosa sold their farm at Lodges Corner to their daughter and son-in-law Bill Hargrove. The Hargroves moved to Lodges Corner and into the house on this farm. The Frownfelter's final move was to a practically new house at 1111 S. Main in Stuttgart. It had a large living room, dining room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen to which they added a den and another bath. Today (1996) their home belongs to their daughter Bennie and her son Jerry. It is in excellent condition and is used as the office for Edward D. Jones & Company Brokers.

Ed and Rosa's life revolved around this Lodges Corner United Methodist Church. Even after moving into Stuttgart they continued to drive the 17 miles back out to their beloved church. Rosa was active in all phases of the work of "their church" and her local unit of the Women's Society of Christian Service (later changed to United Methodist Women) honored her by making her a life member. After Rosa's death on 6 Nov 1967, and after he grew too old to drive, his daughter, Elsie Marie and her husband Bill Hargrove continued to pick hem up at his home in Stuttgart and take him to every service held at "his" church. (By this time the Hargroves had moved to Stuttgart and built a large home at 2001 S.Prairie)

Ed's final trip to the church was on Wednesday afternoon 29 March 1984, when he was taken for his funeral service--an appropriate celebration for the life of Ed Frownfelter who lived 93 years, five months and 16 days. Ed and Rosa are buried in the Lone Tree Cemetery, Stuttgart, by the side of his brother Jake and his wife Emma Frownfelter.

Other than Ed and Rosa's love and appreciation for their church, probably the thing that gave them their greatest joy was the birth of three grandsons. Deprived of any son (their first child was a boy who died in infancy), they took particular delight in these grandsons. His first grandson, Nicky Edward Hargrove, was born when Ed was barely 40 years old, and until Nicky started to high school he was at "Papaws and Mama's" house almost as much as at his parents' home. His second grandson, John Edward Burkett, came into the family as a special gift--he was adopted as a six-month-old curly-headed baby in April 1951 by Bennie and Billy Burkett. This was 18 years after grandson, Nicky had been born. In fact, Nicky was by then already married and had a daughter of his own. By the time of Johnny's arrival, Ed and Rosa had retired and moved to Stuttgart so the grandparents had plenty of time to enjoy (and spoil) the new grandson. When Johnny was six years old, Bennie gave birth to son, Jerry Byron Burkett, born 7 September 1956 in Stuttgart.

Jerry spent many happy hours at Mama and Papaw's house and even after growing up he had wonderful memories of learning to cook with Mama's help, and his memories of Papaw's tales of pioneer life on the Grand Prairie encouraged him to help develop the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum where many of the Frownfelter artifacts are today preserved and on display.

As a part of Ed Frownfelter's legacy it should be mentioned that he was the inspiration for the development of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum and he lived long enough to see the museum built. He was the one that cut the "ribbon of prairie grass" that

formally opened the museum in September 1974. A few years later a typical early prairie pioneer house was built on the grounds of the museum. Ed drew the plans for the house which is a reproduction of the house that Ed was born in, in 1891 in the Turley community. Numerous plaques honoring Ed and Rosa Frownfelter are in the museum today recognizing them as Grand Prairie Pioneers.

On 1 January 1962 Ed and Rosa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open-house hosted by their children at the home of daughter and son-in-law Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove at Stuttgart. All of the family earlier had attended church at Lodges Corner and then had lunch in the dining room of the Riceland Hotel in Stuttgart.

Family members present were Murrell Jones and wife from Bremerton, Washington; his son John Jones and his wife Barbara and their sons Kevin and Chris from Redlands, California; Lucille Jones and husband Harry Ragland Sr.; Elsie Marie and husband Bill Hargrove, and their son Nicky and his wife Rosella Becker Hargrove and their daughters, Dana, Rita and Lori; Bennie and her husband Billy and their sons Johnny and Jerry.

Rosa Knapp Frownfelter died in 1967, but she lived long enough to see all seven of her grandchildren. By her first marriage Rosa had four grandchildren: Betty, Dorothy and John Jones, children of Murrell and Ora Smith Jones; and Louise Jones only child of Harold and Olive Epperson Jones. Ed and Rosa Frownfelter had three grandsons: Nicky Edward Hargrove, son of Elsie Marie Frownfelter and William Nicholas "Bill" Hargrove; and John Edward and Jerry Byron Burkett, sons of Bennie Frownfelter and Billy John Burkett. The grandchildren by her first marriage were already grown by then and married. Ed and Rosa's first grandson, Nicky, was also married and had three daughters before Rosa's death. Their grandsons Johnny and Jerry were still in school. Ed lived until 1984 and he had the good fortune to live long enough to see his great great grandson Blake Harkey who was born in Dallas, Texas in 1979 and his great great granddaughter Amanda Rose Harkey born in 1983 in Dallas. Amanda was named for her great great great grandmother Amanda King Frownfelter who was Ed's mother. Blake and Amanda are the children of Dana Jean Hargrove and Jack Harkey.

Reflecting on the 55 years of their marriage, it seems apparent that they loved to travel. No one can count how many times they drove or went by train to California, always taking advantage of side trips to interesting points in all the states in which they traveled. Besides the times that Ed went with Rosa and the girls, she would occasionally take Elsie Marie and Bennie and go out on the train alone. They either boarded the train in Stuttgart or Little Rock. Ed would take them over and they would all spend the night at the Capitol Hotel (it has been restored and in 1996 is again considered one of the best hotels in Little Rock.) The next morning he would take them to the depot and they would leave on the pullman car. The only times the little girls got to get out of the pullman car was to go to the dining car to eat, and occasionally the train would have a long enough stop that they would get off the train and eat at a Harvey House. (Harvey Houses were large restaurants owned by the railroad and were always located near the depots.)

Besides these cross-country trips, Ed and Rosa made many yearly trips to Hot Springs. At one time they owned a house in Hot Springs, but mainly they would rent an apartment right down town and Rosa, Elsie Marie and Bennie would spend most of the summer over there where she would take baths at a bathhouse (these beautiful bathhouses are still standing today in 1996). Ed would drive over on the weekends and bring the girls' dog, "Johnny Ducks" over with him! During that time malaria and the accompanying chills were prevalent on the prairie and Rosa felt that it was safer to spend the summertime over at Hot Springs. The lakes had not been made at that time but they often went out to Riverside on the Ouachita River and Fountain Lake to swim. (The fact that both the Frownfelter sisters had spent so much of their childhood at Hot Springs probably accounts for the fact that Elsie Marie and Bennie now own lake houses on Lake Hamilton and continue to enjoy along with their families the time they spend at Hot Springs.)

Rosa continued to make trips on the train to visit her family in St. Joseph Missouri where she was born in 1881. Even after they were too old to drive out West they would take a train and visit first in California, then travel on to visit in Oregon and Washington and come home by the way of Chicago.

As youngsters the sisters recall that they, along with their parents, made many trips to camp areas here in the county where they would camp and fish. Each year the family made trips to Camp Doughboy, Camp Fagan and other places for entertainment. Community picnics were often held with everyone bringing all sorts of good food and the men would seine the bayou for fish after the group got there. They would then clean the fish and fry them in large iron wash pots full of hot grease right there on the bayou's edge.

The Frownfelters loved to go to parties where the school desks were pushed to the sides of the schoolhouse and the old traditional party games were danced. These were circle games and they furnished their own music by singing. These often were played in people's homes with the furniture pushed aside or moved into an adjoining room.

Rosa especially like to "go". Elsie Marie and Bennie remember that Ed would come into the house and tell Rosa he had to go some place and Rosa would grab us girls up and out they would go and jump in the car (no pickups then). On the road, Rosa would ask Ed, "Where are we going?" Perhaps the daughters inherited this trait from her, for they have always "been on go"!

While no formal churches were ever built in their various neighborhoods in which the Frownfelters lived, (until they built the Methodist Church at Lodges Corner), they always saw that the community had an organized Sunday School and Church. Ministers would drive out from DeWitt or Stuttgart. At various times and places they were Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist. But always the community had Sunday School and Church. These meetings were held in the schoolhouse. The two cloakrooms were used for the Primary and Junior classes, the stage, with the curtains drawn, was for the Youth, while the Adult class was in the main part of the schoolroom.

### Rosa Bell Frances Knapp's Family

Rosa Knapp was b 13 Dec 1881 at St. Joseph MO to John Henry Alonzo Knapp and Frances Perry Knapp. Her father died when she was one year and one day old. Her mother taught school and they lived with her mother's Aunt Martha Deakins Dougherty on Lake Contrary near St. Joseph MO. Aunt Martha had also reared Rosa's mother, Frances Perry Knapp. Frances' father was killed at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee during the Civil War at which time his wife (Frances' mother) Margaret Deakins Perry was left with a 19-month old Frances and a son John Perry Jr. who was born two months after John Perry was killed. John Perry Sr. was born in 1833 in London England and was naturalized in Missouri in 1858.

Frances' mother, Margaret Deakins Perry remarried in 1866 to James Simpson. and they moved her two children to Ravenwood MO. Margaret died there in 1869 and the two children moved back to St. Joseph and continued to be reared by their Aunt Martha Deakins Dougherty. Thus Aunt Martha reared both Rosa Knapp and her mother Frances Perry Knapp (Simpson).

After the death of Rosa's father, her mother remarried to James Rees also from Ravenwood MO. They moved to Kerman California around 1915 where they bought (with Rosa's inheritance) a raisin ranch. This explains the many trips the Ed Frownfelter family made to California.

Rosa Knapp married first John Jones and they moved to Minneapolis Minnesota where John along with his parents owned a restaurant. While there they had two sons, Harold and Murrell and one daughter, Mildred Lucille. They divorced when Lucille was only two or three years old and eventually Rosa and her children moved to the Lodges Corner (Stillwell) community south of Stuttgart where she kept house for her bachelor half-uncle Jimmy Simpson. It was while living there that Rosa Knapp Jones met and married Ed Frownfelter who lived nearby.

Through Rosa Knapp's paternal grandmother, Jerusha Ann Hyde (Knapp) Bennie Frownfelter Burkett has traced and proven over 50 lines back to the immigrant ancestors and a large number of these back to England and one back to a French Huguenot. Some of the best known early New England colonists are our ancestors all coming through Jerusha Ann Hyde and her ancestors. These include Thomas Welles who was the fourth governor of Connecticut. We descend through two of his sons, John and Thomas Welles Jr; through another Hyde line we share a common grandfather with George Washington--Thomas Stanton who was recognized as the final authority on Indian affairs in the early New England colonies had a grandfather Walter Washington who was a brother to Lawrence Washington through whom George Washington descends and Walter and Lawrence Washington's father was Robert Washington. Both brothers, Walter and Lawrence Washington were born at Sulgrave Manor, which is today maintained as a memorial to the Washington Family and especially revered as a memorial to George Washington, our first president of the United States of America.

Another Hyde ancestor was a member of the oldest military organization in the new world, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts which was chartered on the first Monday in June 1638 in Boston and our ancestor, Arthur Perry, was their

drummer at that time. Another ancestor Joshua Scottow and his son-in-law Benjamin Gibbs were also early members. At least two of the early Hyde Ancestors were physicians, Dr. John Hyde and Dr. Joshua Scottow. One, Alice Gaylord Treat, was a French Huguenot whose grandfather had been persecuted in France for his firm belief in Protestantism and who fled to England. His granddaughter Alice Gaylord married Richard Treat in England and they came to the colonies around 1637. One Hyde ancestor, Thomas Fox, arrived in the Winthrop Fleet in 1630 and helped to settle the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Rosa's paternal line, the Knapps, trace their immigrant ancestor to Nicholas Knapp and his wife Elinor who also came to the colonies in 1630 in the Winthrop Fleet.

At least seven of Rosa's Hyde line ancestors have their names on the Founders Monument in the old Center Cemetery behind the First Church in downtown Hartford CT. The Church is still standing today (1996) and is in good repair though not regularly used. This church and the cemetery is very near the Connecticut State Capitol and near the Hilton and Ramada Inn. Those names of her ancestors listed are: William Andrews, Samuel Greenhill, Governor Thomas Welles, Thomas Spencer, Richard Seymour, Thomas Lord and Thomas Stanton. The above named William Andrews Sr. was shown in the book, *The First Families of Hartford CT* by Lucius Barner Barbour as being "The first schoolmaster in Hartford, teaching from 1643 to 1656". Other Hyde ancestors that are listed in the above mentioned book, though not on the Founders Monument are Thomas Gridley, Gerald Spencer, Nathaniel Beardings; Samuel Andrews, John Shepherd and John Stedman.

Elsie Marie Frownfelter Hargrove and Bennie Frownfelter Burkett have done research in Hartford CT a number of times and were delighted to find that their ancestor, Gov. Thomas Welles, had a life size statue of him mounted on the outside of the State Capitol there at Hartford!

The following ancestors through the Hyde line are listed on *The Index of Nine Rolls of Arms Registered by the Heraldry and Coats of Arms Committee New England Historical and Genealogical Register*: Thomas Lord and wife Dorothy Bird; Nathaniel Foote; John Plumb; and Richard Seymour (Seymer). Others listed in other sources that had known Coats of Arms in the Hyde ancestral line included: Thomas Loring and William Tuttle.

James Rogers, another ancestor of Rosa Knapp, was said "to have been the richest man in the Connecticut Colony except Governor Winthrop." James Harris, the immigrant, and wife Sarah Denison, had 11 children and all but the last three were baptized in the famous Old South Meeting House in Boston MA in 1683. Their son, our ancestor, Lt. James Harris Jr. was a licensed "Taverner" and through him Jerry Byron Burkett, son of Bennie Frownfelter and husband Billy Burkett, is, in 1996, a member of the hereditary order Flagon and Trencher!

On 29 April 1635, Thomas Lord, his wife Dorothy Bird, and children sailed from the port of London to New England in the ship, "Elizabeth and Ann." They landed in Boston and joined their son Richard Lord of Newtown who had come a year earlier to find a place for them to settle. In 1636, with his entire family, Thomas Lord

joined the party of Rev. Hooker and Mr. Stone and 100 men, women and children, which took its departure from Newtown MA to form a new settlement on the Connecticut River. "They traveled more than 100 miles, through a hideous and trackless wilderness to Hartford.....They drove with them 160 head of cattle and subsisted on the way on the milk of cows.....This adventure was the more remarkable as many of this company were persons of figure, who in England had lived in honor, affluence and delicacy, and were strangers to fatigue and danger." (From Trumbull's Memorial History of Hartford CT) Thus, Thomas Lord and his family became an original proprietor and one of the first settlers of Hartford, CT. His neighbors on the "north side of the highway on the bank of the Little River" were Gov. Haynes, Gov. Welles, Gov. Wyllys, Rev. Hooker and other prominent persons who made this trek through the wilderness. We descend through Thomas Lord's daughter Ann Lord born in 1614 in England and who married Thomas Stanton in 1637. Thomas Stanton had considerable fame as an Indian interpreter.

Through Rosa Knapp's many ancestral lines Bennie Frownfelter Burkett has been accepted into membership in the following Orders: Daughters of the American Revolution (through Samuel Stedman, Robert and David Moore, Edward Robertson and Clarke Hyde--also proven but not sent in for membership are Ephraim and son Elijah Harris); Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century (through Arthur Perry, Humphrey Hyde, Gov. Thomas Welles, Lt. John Stedman, Thomas Loring, Edward Gilman, Nathaniel Foote, John Leavitt, Lt. Joseph Judson, Ensign John Curtis and Richard Belden--there are many, many more but I have not sent in their proof); National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (through Arthur Perry--also eligible through Joshua Scottow and Benjamin Gibbs but papers not sent in); Magna Charta (through Richard Belden); Daughters of 1812 (through James Lewis Hyde); Huguenot Society (through Alice Gaylord w/o Richard Treat); Plantagenet Society (through Richard Belden); First Families of Massachusetts (through Arthur Perry--many more lines eligible as one is eligible if one can prove a direct ancestral line that was in the Massachusetts Bay Colony before 1640); Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (through Gov. Thomas Welles); Colonial Order of the Crown (through Richard Belden); Daughters of Colonial Wars (though Lt. John Stedman who was killed in the Great Swamp Fight with the Narragansett Indians at South Kingston R.I. on 18 Dec 1675); National Society of New England Women (through Capt. James Judson); Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War (through Rosa Knapp Frownfelter's grandfather John Perry Sr. who was killed at Shiloh TN during Civil War in 1862). Other hereditary orders that she has proven and accepted for membership include Order of Descendants of Colonial Physicians and Chirurgiens (through Dr. John Hyde); Descendants of Colonial Governors (through Gov. Thomas Welles, the fourth governor of the Connecticut Colony) and The Descendants of the Knights of the Garter at Windsor Castle (through Richard Belden).

In order that the present generations and those to come in the future might more fully appreciate what their colonial ancestors had to endure when they settled here in America, this true story of one of Rosa Knapp Frownfelter's ancestors must be included:

Elizabeth Foote was b. 1654 and was only 16 years old when she married Daniel Belden who was then 22. They were still living in Hatfield Mass. in April 1687 when son John was born, and they were living in Deerfield, Mass. in June 1689 when daughter Abigail was born. They had 14 children: William, Richard, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Mary, Daniel, Sarah, HESTER (sometimes written Esther--our direct ancestor), Abigail, Samuel, John, and Thankful. (Children with the same first names indicated that the first child died at birth or in infancy.) This information was taken from the Hatfield Town Records: "Elizabeth, wife to Daniel Belden ye head of the family, together with Daniel Belden, John Belden and Thankful Belden, their children, were all of them slain by the enemie, September 16, 1696."

From Appendix to *Redeemed Captive Returning to Zion* by the Rev. John Williams, the minister of Deerfield Mass., "September 16, 1698, the Mohawk Indians came along from up Green River to the town (Deerfield) and assaulted Mr. Daniel Belden's house--took Mr. Belden, his son Nathaniel and daughter Esther (our ancestor) captive, killed his wife and three children, and wounded Samuel and Abigail, but they recovered--altho Samuel had a hatchet stuck in his head, and some of his brains came out at the wound."

From Mather's *Magnalia*, "The Indians making an Assault upon Deerfield, in this present War, they struck a hatchet some inches into the Skull of a Boy there--even so deep, that the Boy felt the force of a wrench used by 'em to get it out. There he lay a long while Weltering in his Blood; they found, they dress'd him; considerable Quantities of his Brain came out from time to time when they opened the Wound; yet the Lad recovered, and is now living Mounment of the Power and Goodness of God. (This is written exactly as found in the original copy including the many words that had been capitalized. Mather was referring to Daniel and Elizabeth Belden's son, Samuel mentioned in the preceding paragraph.)

Records show that Esther, our ancestor, then circa 13 years of age, and her sister, Elizabeth, 23 years old and their father, Daniel Belden, were driven by the Indians all the way to Canada where they were later redeemed by the Jesuits in 1697.

Rosa Knapp's grandson, John Jones and his wife Barbara, recently visited the museum in Deerfield, Mass. and took a picture of a plaque that the city fathers had hung in the museum commemorating Daniel Belding (another spelling of Belden), though one wonders today in 1996, why they did not mention his wife and their children and the fact that a number of them were killed! Could this not be a prime example of male chauvinism?

The plaque reads:

DANIEL BELDING  
1648-1731  
Settler of Deerfield 1686  
Selectman and Leader in Town Affairs  
Captured by Mohawks  
Driven to Canada and Tortured 1697  
Sold to the Jesuits 1697  
Redeemed 1698  
Twice Bereft of Wife and Children  
By the Attack of 1696

And the Massacre of 1704  
He Resolutely Rebuilt His Home  
Fought Off With His Fellow Townsmen  
in 1709 a Second Attack By  
French and Indians Under De Rouville  
And in 1723 in Old Age Joined  
The March Against the Asenakis

This is only one example of one of our ancestors whose family suffered in the early period of the development of our country. It is only in researching and finding out about the actual facts of how our ancestors lived and worked that we can fully appreciate what sacrifices and hardships our forefathers endured. The very least we can do today is to try to compile their records so that future descendants can appreciate "from whence they came".

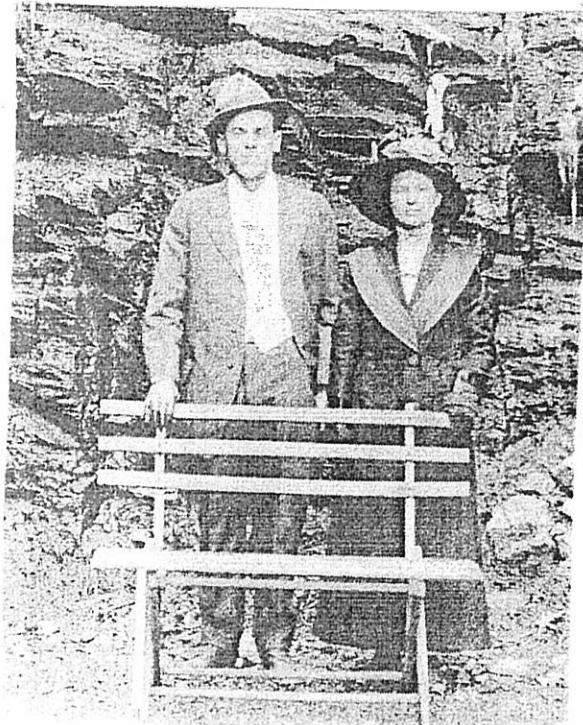
As this section of the Ed Frownfelter and Rosa Knapp records ends the writer reminds the readers that a more or less complete history of Ed Frownfelter's maternal line has already been published in 1993 by her. The book is titled **King Cousins Descendants and Ancestors of Jacob King and his wife Juliana Kimberling of Wythe County Virginia and Hickory County Missouri.** Edward Benjamin Frownfelter is the grandson of Jacob and Juliana King. Ed's mother, Amanda King Frownfelter, was born in Wythe Co VA in 1852 to Jacob and Juliana King and she was their last child born in Virginia before they moved to Hickory County Missouri. In 1884 Amanda King married George Howard Frownfelter in St. Clair Co MO. They lived in the same community and their parents owned land across the road from each other in the little village of Quincy, Hickory Co MO--St. Clair County is the adjoining county to Hickory County. George Howard Frownfelter and his wife Amanda King moved to Arkansas County in 1886/87 where Ed was born in 1891.

**EDWARD BENJAMIN FROWNFELTER AND HIS WIFE ROSA BELLE FRANCES KNAPP (JONES) had these children:**

1. Roy E. (no middle name) Frownfelter was b 27 Oct 1912 in the Turley Community southeast of Stuttgart,. He died 8 Feb 1913 and is buried in the family plot at the Coffield Cemetery in the Prairieville Community which adjoins the Turley Community on the North.
2. Elsie Marie Frownfelter was b 11 June 1915 in the same community. See next chapter.
3. Bennie Alene Frownfelter was b 1 August 1918 in this same community. See last chapter.



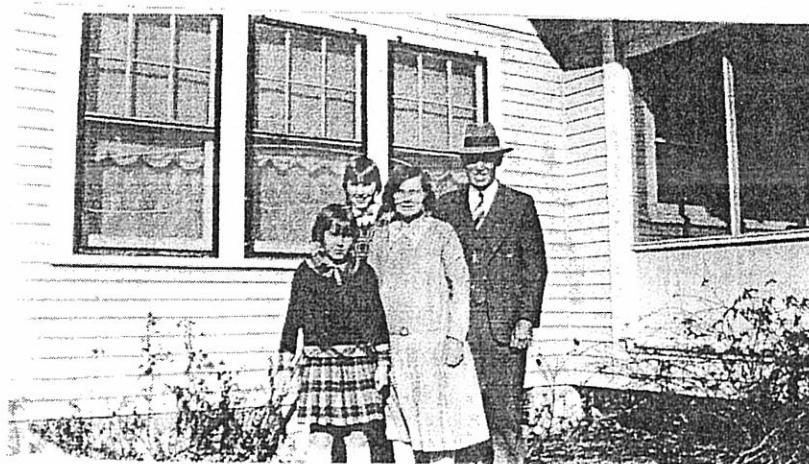
Ed Frownfelter and wife Rosa when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 1962.



Ed and Rosa on their wedding day Jan. 1, 1912 at Hot Springs, AR



Ed Frownfelter on his 90th birthday with Bennie and Elsie Marie.



Ed and Rosa Frownfelter with their daughters Bennie and Elsie Marie on the south side of their new home around 1928.



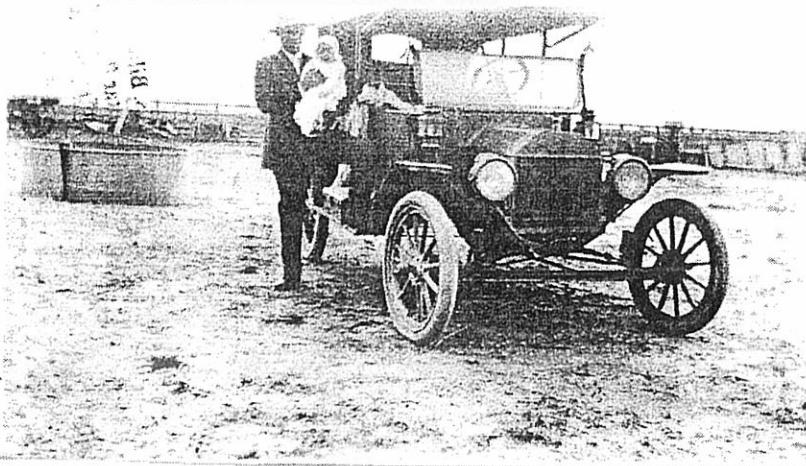
Ed and Rosa Frownfelter with their daughters Elsie Marie and Bennie in 1937 at their home at Lodges Corner.



Three generations of Frownfelters--Ed with his daughter Elsie Marie and her son Nicky.



Lucille Jones(Ragland) holding 3-month-old Bennie. Elsie Marie stands nearby.



Ed showing off his new daughter, Elsie Marie and his new 1915 Model-T Ford. This and the above picture were taken at their new home built in 1912 in the Turley Community.



Bennie standing by their new home built in 1927 after their home had burned. This is in the New Providence community and is still there today in 1998.



Rosa by their home at  
Lodges Corner



Ed and Rosa with their first  
grandchild, Nicky Hargrove at  
their home at New Providence  
Community



Rosa Knapp age circa 17  
in St. Joseph, Missouri



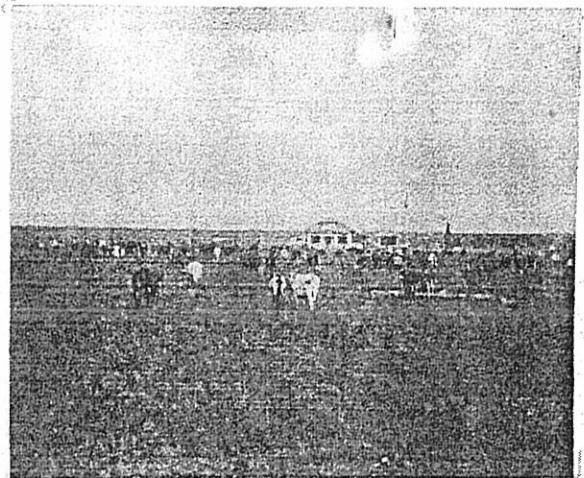
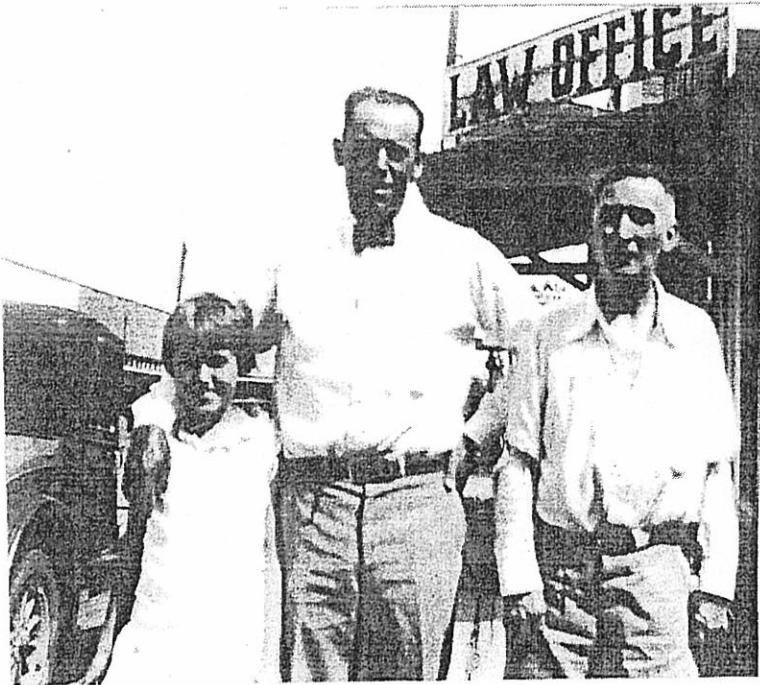
Bennie and Elsie Marie Frownfelter  
at their home in Hot Springs ca 1921



Ed and Rosa's tombstone at Lone Tree

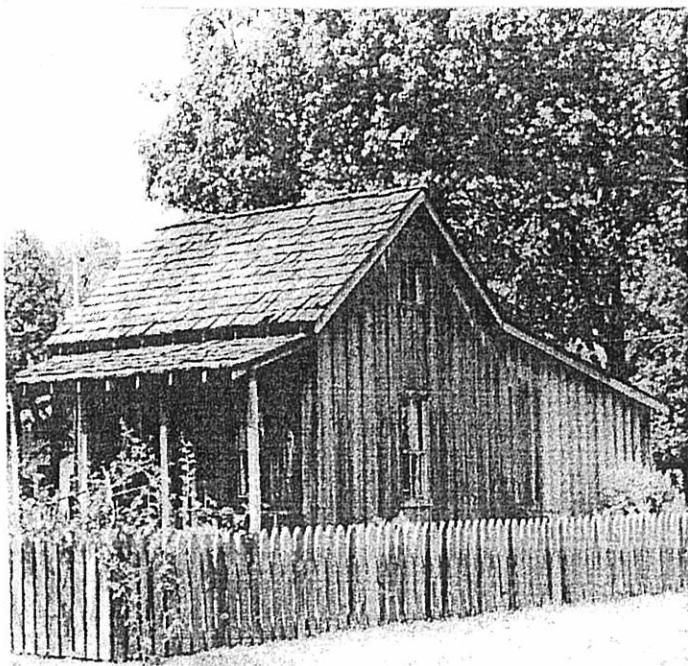


Ed and Rosa in 1941



Ed and Rosa Frownfelter's first home they built in the Turley community ca 1913. The prairie was open range with part of their cattle in front of their home.

Ed Frownfelter and daughter Bennie with Rosa's cousin Jack Perry who came here from London Eng. This picture was taken in 1930 in Smackover, AR near Jack's business.



This is a reproduction of Ed's birth place that he designed and help build on the grounds of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum.

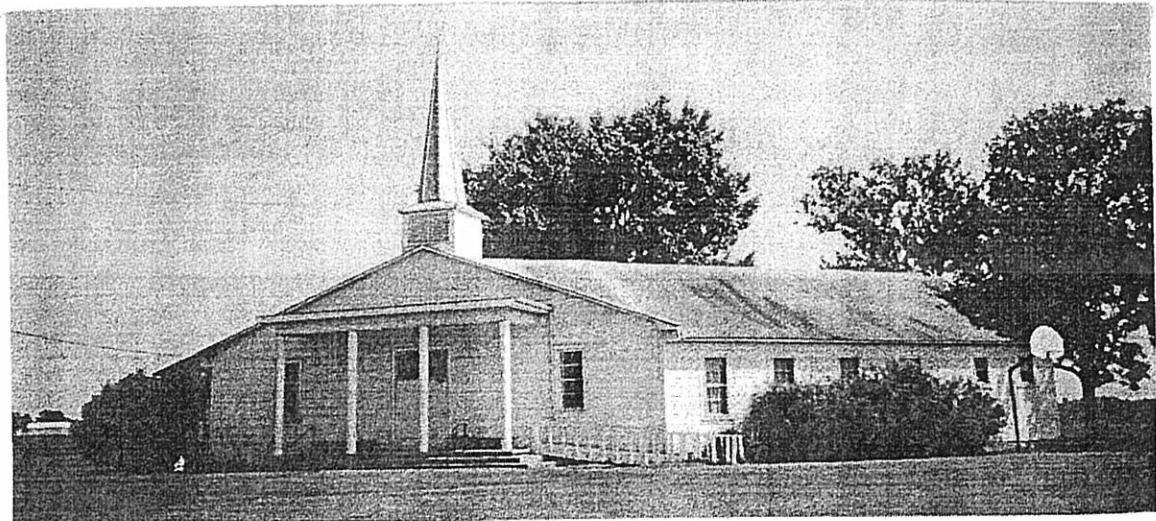


Ed Frownfelter cut a "ribbon" of prairie grass at the dedication of the museum in Sept. 1974. Assisting was the National and state Bicentennial chairmen John Warner and Glennis Parke



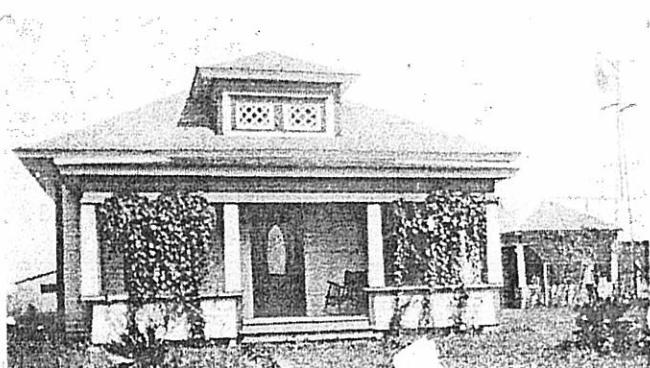
At Ed & Rosa Frownfelter's 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 1, 1962—Linda Sue, Johnny, Rita, Dana, Nicky, Lori. (Seated): Papaw, Jerry, Mama, Chris, John Jones, and Kevin. Rita, Dana, Lori, Chris and Kevin are great grandchildren.

Ed & Rosa Frownfelter with their children. Seated: Ed and Rosa and Murrell Jones. Standing Elsie Marie Frownfelter Hargrove, Lucille Jones Ragland, and Bennie Frownfelter Burkett. The anniversary reception was held in the home of Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove.

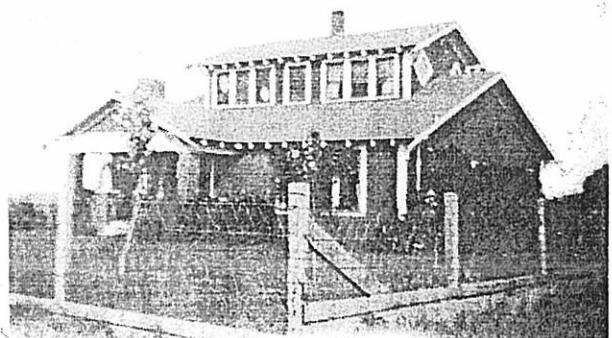


The Lodges Corner United Methodist Church as it looks in 1999. The church was built and dedicated in 1944 on a two-acre plot that was a part of the Ed Frownfelter farm at Lodges Corner. Ed was chairman of the Board of Trustees.

ED AND ROSA FROWNFELTER'S HOMES



Their first home built soon after their marriage in 1912 in Turley Community



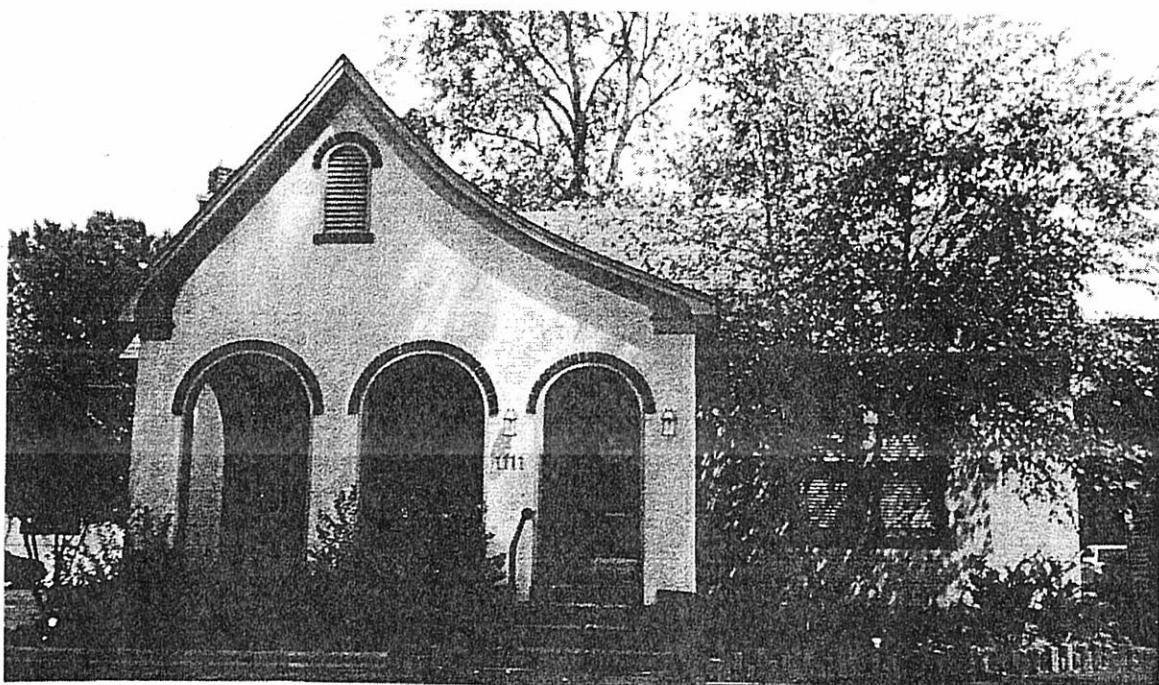
Their 2nd home they built ca 1922 in the New Providence Community. It burned on Jan 5, 1927.



They built this home in 1927 at the same site as the one that burned. This picture taken in 1999



This is a view of the east side of their home at Lodges Corner which they built ca 1937.



They bought this new home at 1111 S.Main in Stuttgart in 1943. They lived here until their deaths--Rosa in 1967 and Ed in 1984.



Elsie Marie & Bennie at  
Lodges Corner home ca 1942



Bill Hargrove & Bennie  
Burkett at Daytona Beach  
Florida ca 1970



Elsie Marie Hargrove, Billy Burkett and Bill Hargrove helping  
themselves to oranges in California ca 1950.



Ed Frownfelter with his family at Lodges Corner Methodist Church ca 1980. Front row: Bill & Elsie Marie Hargrove, Blake Harkey, Ed, Lucille Ragland Bennie & Billy Burkett; back row: Cleve and Rita Clinton, Rosella & Nicky Hargrove & Lori, Jerry Burkett, Dana & Jackson Harkey



At Jerry & Robin's wedding Oct. 27, 1990 at 1st Methodist Church L.R.. Lauren, Caroline, Charlotte, Amanda, Lindsey, Blake, Bennie, Robin, Jerry, Lucille, Lori, Cleve, Rita, Billy, Rosella, Nicky, Dana, Jackson, Elsie Marie, Cynthia, Tommy

## ELsie MARIE FROWNFELTER HARGROVE

Daughter of Edward Benjamin Frownfelter and wife, Rosa Knapp  
Elsie Marie<sup>8</sup> Edward<sup>7</sup> George<sup>6</sup> Henry<sup>5</sup> Adam<sup>4</sup> Henry<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> Felix<sup>1</sup>

**Elsie Marie Frownfelter** was b 11 June 1915 in the Turley community. She attended Stuttgart High School and married William Nicholas Hargrove 23 Jan 1931 while still in high school. Her husband Bill was b 4 May 1913 in the Lodges Corner (Stillwell) community and Elsie Marie and Bill both grew up in the New Providence Community and finished the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in that community school. She attended Stuttgart High School. He attended DeWitt High School. He was the son of William Laton Hargrove and his wife Dora Polstra. The Hargrove family moved to the New Providence area in 1885 from Nevada Co MO. Dora Polstra was b in Holland and she moved to this same community from Lafayette Ind.

Elsie Marie, through the years, devoted much time in providing leadership in the Children's Work on the Conference and District level of the United Methodist Church, having been Pine Bluff District Director of Children's Work for over 15 years. She has taught Kindergarten class at her local Lodges Corner United Methodist Church since it was built in 1944. She and Bill were charter members of the Lodges Corner United Methodist Church and both have held leadership roles in the church from the beginning. Elsie Marie is past president of the Riceland Garden Club and also of Amici Club, which is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

. She is a charter member of the Arkansas Post Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and a past regent, as well as serving in other offices of the chapter. Elsie Marie's two sisters, Lucille Ragland and Bennie Burkett, are in this chapter as well as her three granddaughters, Dana, Rita and Lori. Two of her great granddaughters, Lauren Walton and Amanda Harkey, are in the Joseph Stillwell Chapter Children of the American Revolution, her husband was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and her son Nicky is still a member of S.A.R.

She and her husband were both prominent in the founding of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum and at his death in 1987 Bill was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum. Elsie Marie continues to do volunteer service at the museum. She is an experienced flower arranger and besides arranging flowers for her church, she also gives freely of this talent to provide flowers for various special event in her area of the state.

Elsie Marie and her sister, Bennie, have traveled extensively throughout the eastern half of the United States doing their own research to prove the more than 100 colonial lines that they now have documented. She and Bennie, along with their husbands, Bill and Billy, have traveled over most of the United States "just for the fun of it"! In recent years the two sisters have made trips to Alaska and to the New England states as well as having gone to D.C. to attend DAR Continental Congress and do further research.

Elsie Marie is a member of the following hereditary societies: Colonial Dames XVII Century; National Society Magna Charta Dames; Daughters of the American Revolution; National Society Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; Society of United States Daughters of 1812; Descendants of New England Women; Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, The Huguenot Society and the Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors.

Bill Hargrove, Elsie Marie's husband, was elected State Senator from this district and he served two four-year terms. He served on the Stuttgart City Council for many years and provided leadership in many civic organizations. The Hargroves own a large rice and soybean farm south of Stuttgart in the Lodges Corner Community and their son Nicky and wife Rosella continue to live on this farm. Nicky retired in 1998 and their daughter Lori and her husband Terry Dabbs now manage the farming.

Bill died on 23 Sept 1987 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Little Rock, AR as a result of an accident at their home in Stuttgart three weeks earlier. His funeral service was held at the Lodges Corner United Methodist Church and he was buried in the Lone Tree Cemetery in Stuttgart. Elsie Marie continues to live in their home at 2001 South Prairie, in Stuttgart, and she and her sister Lucille Ragland are still active in the Lodges Corner church.

**Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove have one son:**

- A. **Nicky Edward Hargrove** was b 19 Jan 1932 in the New Providence community just south of the community where his mother, Elsie Marie Frownfelter, and his grandfather, Ed Frownfelter were born. He graduated from Stuttgart High School and he married Rosella Marie Becker on 12 May 1949. She is the daughter of Johnnie and Margie James Becker of Stuttgart. She was b 25 Feb 1931 in Stuttgart. Rosella graduated in the same 1949 class at Stuttgart High School with Nicky.

Nicky and Rosella live on the Hargrove family farm south of Stuttgart where they raise rice, soybeans and wheat. In 1998 Nicky retired from active farming and has turned the farm over to his daughter Lori and her husband Terry Dabbs. They are active members of the Lodges Corner United Methodist Church where both are leaders in the various activities and programs. Nicky is a charter member of this church and Rosella has been in the church since their marriage. She was raised in the St. John Lutheran Church and finished the eighth grade in that church school.

They were named Arkansas County Farm Family of the Year and the District Farm Family in 1964, and Nicky was named the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Farmer that same year. They were recognized as **Progressive Farmer** Master Farm Family. Nicky was Arkansas County Farm Bureau President in 1965-67 and president of the Arkansas Farm Bureau from 1976 to 1986. He is past president of the Stuttgart Rotary Club and on the Board of Directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank and on the Board of the White River Regional Irrigation District. Rosella is president of Amici Club, a federated women's club in Stuttgart. She has been active in the Stillwell Extension Club since moving to the community and has held most of the offices in the club including president.

Nicky and Rosella celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June of 1990 with an open house and reception hosted by their daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren. Nicky is a member of the Simon Bartholomew Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Hereditary Order of Colonial Governors and Somerset Chapter Magna Charta Barons.

**Nicky and Rosella Hargrove have three children:**

- a. **Dana Jean Hargrove** was born 5 January 1950 Stuttgart, Arkansas. She was an honor graduate of Stuttgart High School. As a child she faithfully attended Lodges Corner United Methodist Church, the same church for which her

great grandfather donated the land and assisted with the construction. Dana always sat in the second south side pew with her Mama and Papaw Frownfelter. Today when "going home" to visit at Lodges Corner, she still favors sitting in the same pew with many fond memories of her great grandparents who taught her "church behavior" and a love of hymns and worship.

Dana earned a BA in Elementary Education and Master of Liberal Arts degrees from Southern Methodist in Dallas, Texas. Her sorority is Alpha Delta Pi. She married Jack Wilson Harkey (aka Jackson) at Lodges Corner United Methodist 9 June 1973. They reside at 2815 Amherst, Dallas, Texas 75225. Jackson is also a graduate of SMU with a degree in Electrical engineering, His fraternity is Delta Chi.

Both Dana and Jackson are active in Highland Park United Methodist Church. Dana has been president of the 800 member United Methodist Women and has chaired the Council on Ministries. They have both taught Sunday school and have been on the Administrative Board. Jackson has been a trustee and currently is responsible for all the church sound equipment, traveling with the choir on occasion to make sure they sound great!

Professionally, Jack has been a Senior Member of the Technical Staff of Texas Instruments and the Deputy Director of the MMC Program, a computer for the next generation F16 fighter plane, a project originally of TI's Defense systems and Electronics Group. He is currently holding the same position for Raytheon-TI Systems. He is an original member of the Highland Park Independent School District Leadership Council and recently chaired the school district's discipline management plan under the state of Texas' new site based management policy. He is also president and a founder of PC-TAG, a support group for parents of Talented and Gifted students. Jack is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Texan and a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Dana has been a member of Marianne Scruggs Garden Club, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League, Children's Medical Center Auxiliary, on the board of 2 UM Agencies, Wesley Rankin Community Center and Open Door Preschool, a PTA officer, and a Girl Scout leader. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as page to the Arkansas State Regent and as an election page and member of the registration committee at Continental Congress in Washington, DC for three years. Dana was last employed as a teacher in the Highland Park Child Development Program, developing curriculum for Art and Science Enrichment for pre-kindergarten age levels.

Dana and Jackson have been named the Outstanding Members and Sponsors of Dallas civic organization, The 500, Inc. while on the board of that organization, they co-chaired Artfest and Dallas Run for the Arts, Dallas festivals raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for Dallas arts groups..

**Dana and Jack Harkey's two children are:**

**aa. William Blake Harkey** b 22 April 1979 was an honor graduate of Highland Park High School. While a student there, he was president of the orchestra, captain of the wrestling team and received the Stuart Social Studies Scholarship and Senior Orchestra Award. He attends the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee where he participates in orchestra, writes for the campus newspaper, is general manager of WUTS radio station and program director of the campus coffee house. He is a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School Alaska Mountaineering Course. He has been a

member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas since infancy. He was active in the Youth Program at Highland Park UMC.

**bb.. Amanda Rose Harkey** b 16 December 1983. Amanda is an honor student at Highland Park High School where she is a member of the varsity gymnastics team, a Junior Varsity cheerleader and plays viola in the orchestra. She is a member of the National Society Children of the American Revolution. Amanda is a member of the choir and UMYF at Highland Park UMC serving on numerous mission teams, traveling to California, New Mexico, and South Texas for construction work.

**b.. Rita Marie Hargrove** was born 5 January 1954 in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Her love of music was encouraged and nurtured by her family from a very early age and she was the organist at Lodges Corner United Methodist Church during her junior high and high school years. She was the 1972 Valedictorian at Stuttgart High school and continued her formal education by completing Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Business Administration degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1977. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and was an officer at Mercantile National Bank and Concorde National Bank prior to her "retirement" 1989.

Rita and Cleveland Guy Clinton of Burnet, Texas, were married 26 May 1979 at Lodges Corner UMC. Cleve, a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, was a 1975 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Finance Degree. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1979. He is a partner in a law firm in Dallas. He has served Hillcrest Lodge No. 1318 A.M. as its Worshipful Master and is a Scottish Rite Mason. Rita and Cleve and their children reside at 2908 Bryn Mawr, Dallas.

The Clintons survived a massive remodeling/rebuilding of a 50+year-old house in 1990-91 and enjoy the opportunity to entertain family members and friends. They are both members of Highland Park UMC where in 1996 Cleve served on the Intern Review Committee and the Lake Sharon (HPUMC's off-site camping facility) work area. They have both been adult and elementary Sunday school teachers as well as UMYF counselors. Rita has served as President of the Highland Park United Methodist Women's Unit and currently is chairman of the Nominating Committee for that organization. She is also serving on the church's Permanent Endowment Committee and the Elementary Ministries Council. She has served two terms on the Church's Finance Committee and has chaired the Nominations and Personnel and the Community Ministries work areas. She has also served as Lay Leader for the church. In 1996-97, Rita and Cleve were lead teachers for the approximately 80-member Confirmation Class.

Even though she is no longer a church organist other than when she visits Lodges Corner, Rita accompanies the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir and is a substitute ringer in the handbell choir.

Rita has been on the board of various community organizations including HP Arts (a group which raises money for and supports the arts in local schools), the Junior Group of the Marianne Scruggs Garden Club, the Golden Cross Division of the Methodist Hospital Foundation, and the Wesley-Rankin Community Center. Rita is also an active member of the Junior League of Dallas and was a Girl Scout Leader for five years.

Rita, Cleve, Charlotte and Cam are busy people but are only following in the footsteps of parents and grandparents who were so influential in their upbringing!

**Rita and Cleve Clinton have two children:**

**aa. Charlotte Marie Clinton** was b in Dallas on 27 July 1985. She is an honor student at the Highland Park High School where she enjoys participating in YMCA-sponsored basketball, even with her dad as the coach! She sings in the church choir and the school's show choir. Her love of performing landed her a dancing and singing role in the 1996 Dallas Junior League Ball.

**bb. Cameron Guy Clinton** was b 10 Feb 1989 also in Dallas. He is a fourth grader at University Park Elementary School and has developed an interest in boy's favorite pastime—baseball. He plays YMCA-sponsored football as well as continuing on a church league basketball team. He also sings with other 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the church's Covenant Singers.

**b. Lori Ann Hargrove** was born 18 May 1961 in Stuttgart. She was an honor graduate of Stuttgart High School. She attended Rhodes College in Memphis TN, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Her sorority is Chi Omega. She married Thomas H. Walton, Jr. 13 August 1983, at the Lodges Corner UMC. They have two daughters Mary Lauren and Lindsey Ann Walton. Tommy and Lori were divorced 9 May 1991. Lori married Terry Dabbs in 1998 in Las Vegas Nevada. Terry has a son Trent who is a Junior at Mississippi State University, and twin daughters Stacey and Tiffany who are Juniors at Stuttgart High School. Terry Dabbs was graduated from Mississippi State University and he is a farmer. Terry and Lori Dabbs were named the 1999 Farm Family of the Year for North Arkansas County. Terry is president of the Arkansas County Farm Bureau and he is farming the Hargrove farm as well as some land of his own.

Lori is a member of the Arkansas Post Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and is a past president of the Stuttgart Junior Woman's Club. She works at the White River Regional Irrigation Water District office in Stuttgart and their home is at 29 Grandvue Drive, Stuttgart.

**Lori has two children:**

**aa. Mary Lauren Walton** was b 25 March 1985 at Stuttgart. She is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at SJHS where she is active in sports. Lauren is a charter member of the Joseph Stillwell Chapter Children of the American Revolution.

**bb. Lindsey Ann Walton** was b 11 Oct 1986 in Stuttgart. She is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Stuttgart Middle School. She is on softball and basketball teams in the Stuttgart area.



Elsie Marie Frownfelter age 6 Mo.



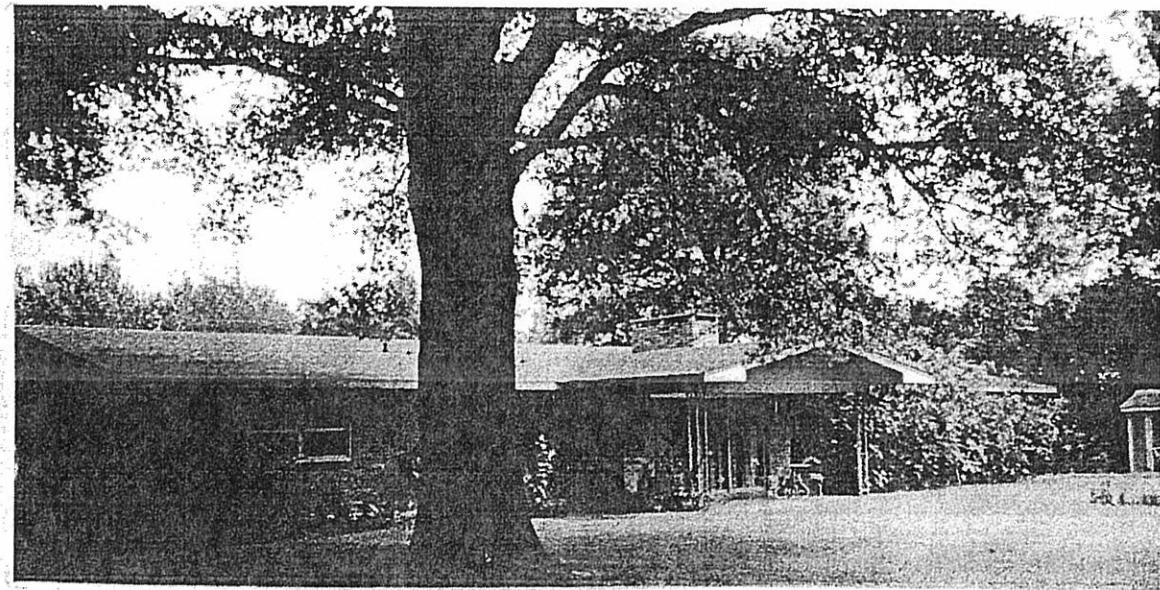
Elsie Marie and Bill built this home in 1936 in the Turley community. This home is one mile north of where her father, Ed was born in 1891. Elsie Marie was born just  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Ed's birthplace. Elsie Marie and Bill's son Nicky was born on this same road about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Elsie Marie's birthplace.



Elsie Marie Frownfelter and Bill Hargrove were married 23 January, 1931.



Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove had their golden wedding anniversary in 1981



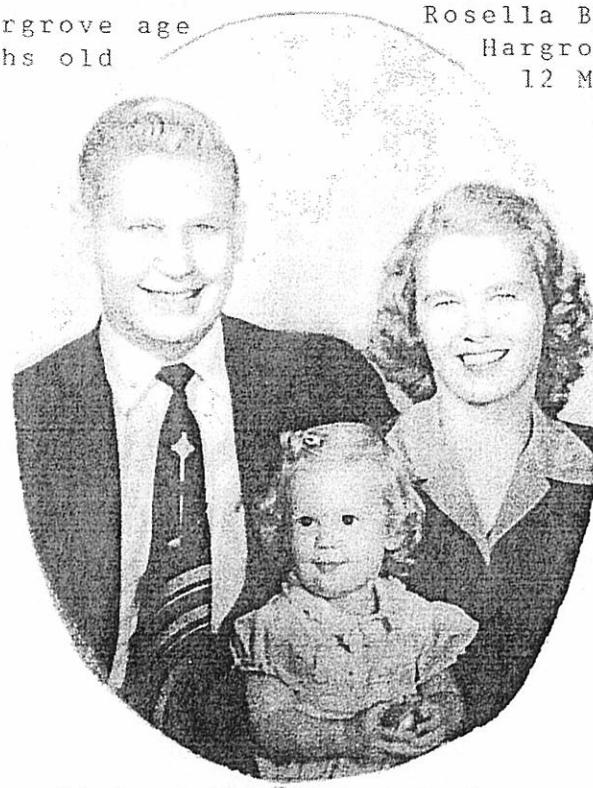
The south side of Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove's home at 2001 South Prairie Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas



Nicky Hargrove age  
six months old



Rosella Becker and Nicky  
Hargrove were married  
12 May, 1949



Nicky & Rosella with daughter Dana



Nicky & Rosella built their home in 1955 on the Hargrove farm on  
Hwy. 165 S. in the Lodges Corner community. They still live there.



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Rosella and Nicky Hargrove 50th wedding anniversary  
May 12, 1999



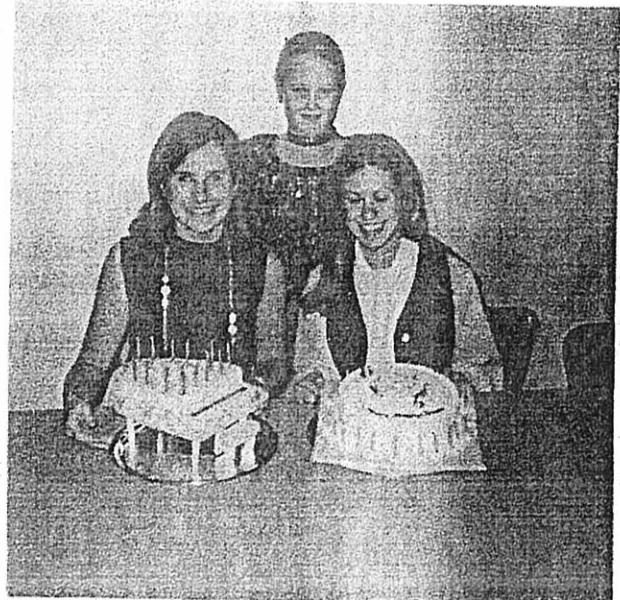
Anniversary Party at Art Center--Lindsey, Tiffany, Stacey, Lauren, Cameron, Charlotte, Amanda, Terry, Trent, Lori, Cleve, Rita, Elsie Marie, Nicky, Rosella, Jackson, Dana and Blake



Hargrove Sisters--Dana Harkey, Lori Dabbs, and Rita Clinton at Lodges Corner United Methodist Church in April 1995



Christmas Fun at Mom and Pop's--  
Jerry, Rita, Dana, Johnny Lori and  
Linda Sue 1968



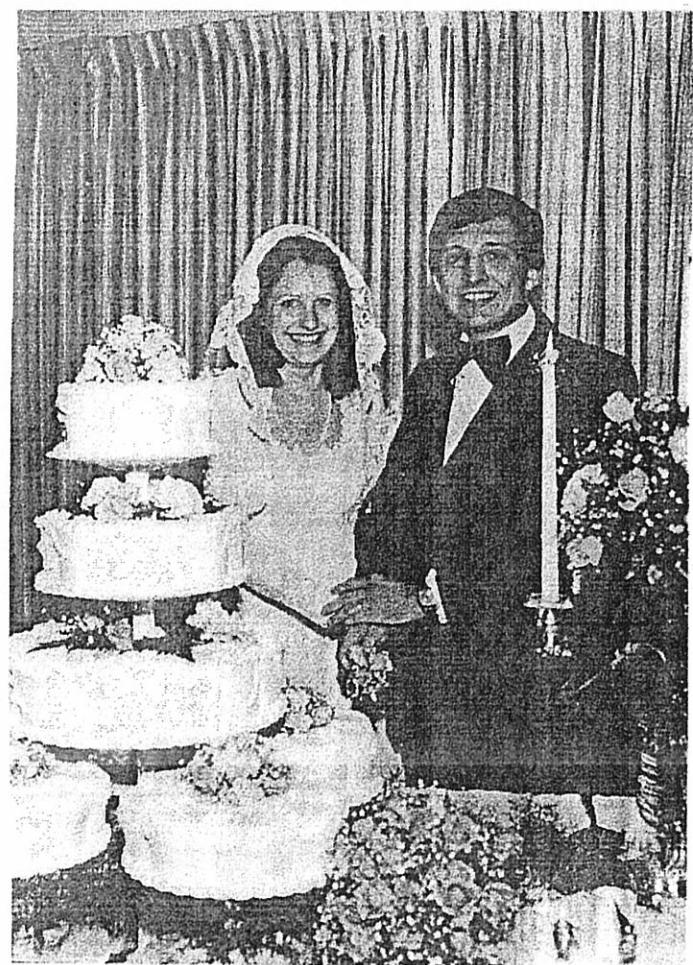
Hargrove Sisters Jan. 5, 1971--  
Rita, Lori and Dana



Lori Hargrove Walton and Terry Dabbs were married in February 1998 in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Dana Hargrove married Jack Harkey at Lodges Corner United Methodist Church on June 9, 1973.



Rita Hargrove married Cleve Clinton at LCUMC on May 26, 1979.



Lori, Rita, Dana, Rosella and Elsie Marie  
taken in 1993



Rosella and Nicky Hargrove  
1993



Nicky and Rosella Hargrove's grandchildren--In front:  
Charlotte Clinton and Lauren Walton. On the divan: Tiffany Dabbs,  
Lindsey Walton, Blake Harkey, Cameron Clinton, Amanda Harkey,  
and Stacey Dabbs. 1999

## BENNIE ALENE FROWNFELTER BURKETT

Daughter of Edward Benjamin Frownfelter and wife Rosa Knapp  
Bennie<sup>8</sup>, Edward<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>5</sup>, Adam<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Felix<sup>1</sup>

Bennie Alene Frownfelter was b 1 Aug 1918 in her parents home in the Turley Community, near Almyra AR, the last child born to Ed and Rosa Frownfelter. She was delivered by Dr. Winkler who came out in a buggy from DeWitt. With his assistance, Rosa delivered a bouncing baby daughter who weighed in at 12 pounds and whose hair was so long that she had a hair cut immediately!

By the time she started to school they had sold their farm and home in the Turley Community, moved to Kerman, California and moved back to Arkansas County and built a new home in the adjoining community south of Turley, known as New Providence Community. She finished her first eight grades in that one-room school. In her first year of school she almost died with a ruptured appendix. She, along with her mother, spent most of the rest of that first school year in the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. She roomed and boarded in Stuttgart her freshman year in high school, then in DeWitt her sophomore year. She then went to San Diego to live with her sister Lucille and her husband Garrett Sawyer. They soon moved to another city and Bennie roomed and boarded with a high school friend that she met there in San Diego and she graduated from San Diego Senior High School as an honor graduate in a class of over 600.

She came back to her parents home and got her A.A. degree from Central Baptist College for Girls in Conway, AR. Two years later she got her BSE degree in Secondary Education with majors in biology and English and minors in chemistry and French at the University of Central Arkansas, also in Conway. She was the highest ranking person in her class at the girls school and an honor graduate from UCA. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Chi (scholastic fraternities) and Delta Zeta sorority. She taught high school chemistry and biology and then worked with the Department of Agriculture in Ashdown, AR where she met her future husband, Billy John Burkett.

While working in Ashdown, Pearl Harbor was bombed and Roosevelt declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. Three months later Billy volunteered in the military and was placed in the Army Air Corps. Bennie returned to her parents home and on 14 Nov 1942 she and Billy Burkett were married in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, KY where he was stationed at the nearby Bowman Field. She came home and taught biology and chemistry in the Stuttgart High School while Billy was in the South Pacific for 30 months. Their first wedding anniversary that they celebrated together was their fourth after they had moved back to Ashdown where he went back to work for the Department of Agriculture.

A year later they bought a farm four miles south of Stuttgart and have continued to live on this same farm to the present in 1998. They soon tore the large two-story home down and built a ranch style house on the adjacent site. There they raised their two sons and it is still "home" today. As time went on, they expanded their farming operations and rented land. They also bought Bennie's parents land in the old Turley Community and that is still their farm today and their son Jerry farms this land that adjoins land that he has purchased in the last few years. Thus the Frownfelters have kept their "roots" in the very same community that Henry Frownfelter settled in, in 1883. Bennie was the founder and chairman of the Board of Trustees (for eight years) of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum and has continued to serve on the Board as its secretary. She was the first woman ever elected to be the Chairman of the Administrative Board at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart where the family has all assumed many roles of leadership since joining the church in 1948.

She served a term of nine years on the Arkansas State Natural Heritage Commission (appointed by then-Governor Bill Clinton). She is a past member of the Arkansas Museum Services Grants Panel, the Natural and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Museums Association.

Bennie is the author/compiler of these books: **Stuttgart Arkansas: One Hundred Years On The Grand Prairie; History of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church 1887-1989 Stuttgart, Arkansas; That's The Way It Was On The Grand Prairie Volumes I and II;** KING COUSINS--Descendants and Ancestors of Jacob King and his wife Juliana Kimberling of Wythe County Virginia and Hickory County, Missouri; JOHN MCMURTRY--Soldier and Privateer Of The American Revolution Tracing His Family from Sumner County, Tennessee to Woodruff County, Arkansas; the present book to be published this year in 1998, HENRY FROWNFELTER--Soldier of the Revolutionary War--His Ancestors and His Descendants; she was State Coordinator for the 748-page DAR book, **INDEX OF WILLS OF ARKANSAS UP TO 1900.**

Bennie edited a weekly Grand Prairie History page in a local newspaper for five and one-half years; she is the North Arkansas County Historian; she was named Stuttgart Citizen of the year in 1974 and her biography is in the book, **Some Remarkable Women of Arkansas.**

She has been State Registrar and State Historian for the Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She has also served as state chairman of many DAR committees and is presently on the National DAR Speakers Staff. Bennie is a past and present officer in many other hereditary societies. Her hereditary society memberships include: Magna Charta Dames; Colonial Dames XVII Century; DAR; Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (America's first militia); Daughters of Colonial Wars; Daughters of the War of 1812; First Families of Massachusetts (charter member); National Society of New England Women; Colonial Order of Colonial Physicians and Chirurgiens; Descendants of Colonial Governors; Plantagenet Society; Descendants of the Knights of the Garter; The Huguenot Society; Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots and Sons and Daughters of Colonial Bench and Bar.

Bennie was on the committee that planned Stuttgart's 100th anniversary activities that included events throughout the entire year. During that centennial celebration in 1980 she compiled the history of Stuttgart's mayors since its first mayor, Col. Bob Crockett--a grandson of the famous Davy Crockett---to the present and had photographs of these mayors permanently displayed on the walls of the City Hall. She was chairman of the search for and recognition of Century Farms in Arkansas County during Arkansas' Sesquicentennial in 1986. She has been active in Amici Club, a General Federation of Woman's Clubs, for 46 years where she has served as president as well as most other offices. She has served as history chairman in the club since 1970 and is in charge of Amici Club's Historical Files housed in the Genealogy Room at the Stuttgart Public Library. She was charter president of the Grand Prairie Extension Homemakers Club as well as charter/organizing president of the Riceland Garden Club. At Grand Avenue United Methodist Church she was the first woman ever to be elected chairman of the Administrative Board. She has been church historian for a number of years and has organized the church records that have accumulated for 108 years. She has filed the most important records in a fireproof cabinet using the current recommended conservation practices.

On 14 Nov 1992, Jerry, Robin, Caroline and Laura Burkett hosted a reception at the Stuttgart Country Club honoring Billy and Bennie on their 50th wedding anniversary. Following the reception that was attended by almost 200 friends, the Burkett family and close friends enjoyed a dinner party that evening at Billy and Bennie's home.

**Billy John Burkett** was b 13 March 1916 to Lionel Victor Burkett Sr. and his wife Lurilla McMurtry. (A complete record on these families have already been published in the book **John McMurtry--Soldier and Privateer of the American Revolution** compiled by Bennie Burkett.) He grew up on the Burkett farm two miles from McCrory Arkansas. The farm had been bought by Billy's great Grandfather Lt. Eli Burkett in 1869 when he moved his large family to that site in Woodruff County from Upson County Georgia. Eli and his four brothers had fought for the South in the Civil War, none being killed but one brother died soon after the war as a result of war wounds. Their farm in Upson county had been destroyed in Sherman's "March to the Sea" during the war and four of the five brothers left Georgia soon after the war.

Eli's son John owned the farm near McCrory following Eli's death; then John's son Lionel Victor owned it next and at his death his three sons and a daughter inherited it. Billy and his sister, Frances (who lives in Houston Texas) sold their share to the two brothers, Lionel Victor Jr. and Roger who still own the land now.

Billy graduated from McCrory High School and four years later graduated from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro with a B.S. degree in Agriculture and Business. His fraternity is Delta Omega Sigma. He got a job with the Department of Agriculture in Little River County Arkansas. It was while working there that he met Bennie Frownfelter. WWII began soon after they had started to work there and Billy volunteered in the Army and was sent first to school in Kansas City MO to be an aircraft inspector. After more than a year of training in the Army Air Corps he was sent to the South Pacific and "hopped islands" with the 336th Service Squadron as the Japs slowly were destroyed.

Billy started out in Australia, then moved to numerous sites on New Guinea Island, on to sites in the Netherlands, East Indies, then to Mindoro Island in the Phillipines, and was on a boat headed for Okinawa when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. They road out a typhoon on the boat and then landed on Okinawa. Some six months after the end of the war he left from Is Shima for San Francisco and finally after nearly 30 months in the Pacific was discharged at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas on 6 Jan 1946--after having served his country for almost four years. Soon after he went to the South Pacific he was made a Master Sergeant.

On 1 Feb 1947 Billy and Bennie bought the farm owned then by Mr & Mrs Seeman and moved permanently to Arkansas County. From the beginning Billy has been active in civic affairs. He was one of the organizers and past president of the Grand Prairie Angus Association; he was elected to the Stuttgart School Board of Directors for eight years; and was elected and served 30 years on the Arkansas County Board of Education.

Billy was president of the Stuttgart Production Credit Association for 15 years and he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Sixth District Farm Credit Bank of St. Louis where he served for 10 years. He is an organizing member of the Yoder Ruritan Club and has been its president two different terms. He was the organizing president of the Stuttgart Riding Club. This was a family-style riding club where the entire family participated in horse shows, trail rides, parades and other family activities. The Burkett and Hargrove families along with many other families had great fun in this activity while Johnny, Jerry, Dana, Rita and Lori were young. Billy, Bill and Nicky Hargrove, rode with the kids while Bennie, Elsie Marie and Rosella Hargrove, followed with the food and drinks!

Billy has been active in the Arkansas County Farm Bureau since they moved to this county and has served as a Director for many years. One of Billy's main interests has always been cattle. Soon after moving to Stuttgart he began buying and raising registered Angus Cattle. He eventually bought a 320-acre cattle farm near White River in eastern Arkansas County and ran a large herd of Angus cattle.

During this period he was active in the Grand Prairie Angus Association and State Angus Association. While son Jerry was in grade and high school they showed cattle at the county, district and state fairs and stock shows.

Billy has remained active in his Arkansas State University Alumni Association where he served on the Board for some years. He was officially taken in to the 50-year ASU Alumni Club at a special luncheon held during the Homecoming activities in 1989. Billy and Bennie attended the first reunion of the 336th Service Squadron which was held in Orlando, Florida in October 1985--40 years after they returned home from WWII in the South Pacific. The next year the group had their reunion in San Antonio, Texas.

Billy is a member of the Bayou Bartholow Chapter Sons of the American Revolution through his descent from Ensign John McMurtry and Henry Benson. Billy descends through Henry Benson's daughter, Parthenia Benson Davis McMurtry who is buried in the family cemetery near the Burkett farm at McCrory. He also descends through John McMurtry's great grandson, William Harvey McMurtry who is buried in this same cemetery. Billy is a member of the Order of the Stars and Bars and the Sons of the Confederacy through descent from Lt. Eli Burkett who is buried in that cemetery also and Billy and his brothers marked Eli's grave with a Civil War marker some years back. Billy recently became a charter member of the newly organized society called the First Families of Tennessee. To be eligible for this organization one must prove his direct ancestry back to someone who had settled in Tennessee by 1796 when Tennessee became a state. Billy and Jerry are eligible through Ensign John McMurtry and his wife, Peggy Gomer, who settled in Sumner County Tennessee in 1794. John McMurtry's old two-story log house was still standing a few years back when Billy and Bennie went over there and visited that area and also saw John and Peggy's graves in the old Beech Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery near what is now Opryland. John's grave is marked with a DAR Revolutionary War bronze marker.

The Billy Burkett family was named North Arkansas County Farm Family of the Year in 1960----an honor their son, Jerry, and his family received in 1991.

Soon after Billy and Bennie moved back to Stuttgart and bought their first rice farm in the Shannon Community in 1947, the Burketts started organizing square dance clubs in this area. The Shannon Schoolhouse just south of their home was vacated soon after they moved here because of the forced consolidation of the many small district schools. Bennie persuaded Stuttgart School Superintendent Dan Clary (under who she had taught science during WWII) to lease the vacant Shannon school building to the community for a recreational center at \$1 per year and the community pay the insurance on the building. It was here that the Burketts started their first square dance club. Until she persuaded some men to do the calling, Bennie did the calling herself. She learned her calls from books that she bought. They found "old timers" who were still able to play the fiddle, guitars and old upright pianos by ear.

Soon there were so many square dance clubs that they formed an association and hired "Soupy" Van Camp to come to Stuttgart from Huntsville, Texas and teach the entire group to square dance-Texas Style!! The clubs all met in the abandoned officer's club at the closed Stuttgart Air Base that was built at the beginning of WWII and used throughout World War II to train Air Force (then Army Air Corps) personnel.

Though no records have been preserved, the former dancers now believe we had as high as 40 squares (eight people to a square) on the floor at one time. An old newspaper clipping said that "Soupy" taught 13 squares (eight people to a square) every Tuesday night for three hours for 10 weeks. Following their "graduation" these 13 squares thought they were good enough to dance with the best of them.

Soon other communities were leasing their vacant district schoolhouses and square dance clubs sprung up all over the prairie. By 1949 and 1950 the dance fad had grown all over the state and the Arkansas Federation of Square Dance Clubs was formed with Bennie being elected the first vice president of the group. The popular square dance caller, Dan (Pappy) Keeley of Little Rock was the president. Grace Woods of Warren was also a state officer as was a Mr. Huggins who at that time was the director of the YMCA on Broadway in Little Rock.

Permanent squares were organized and the four couples in the square would travel all over the state to visit other clubs and join in their evening of dancing. Each square made its own specially designed dance outfits--all in one square dressed alike. The women wore long "calico-type" dresses with full skirts and full under slips and the men wore matching shirts and blue jeans. In later years the style was for the women to wear short tu-tu type skirts, but the true Texas-style square dancers wore the lovely, long and colorful dresses and were the only kind worn by this group who danced on the Grand Prairie.

The square that the Burkett's danced in was composed of neighbors that lived here in this same community. They were Richard and Frances Earhart (our next door neighbors for many years), Edwin and Anna Curtis, Henry and Hazel Siems and Billy and Bennie. We traveled to many towns including a state-wide dance contest held in the pavilion at Wittington Park in Hot Springs. Our square won first place and received the large gold loving cup with our names engraved on it. It had been misplaced for years and was found by the Burkett's just before the Earharts had their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990. Bennie polished the 24-inch tall cup and they presented it to the Earharts at their anniversary party! Just as the square dance clubs spread like wildfire in the late 1940s and on through to around 1955, just as suddenly this fad had passed!

No one can now recall why they "played out", but the still surviving dancers now in 1998 all agree it was a wonderful period in our lives and when two former dancers get together the conversation often turns to those fun days when men and women worked hard all day and danced hard most of the night!

The Burkett's adoption of a beautiful curly headed six-month-old baby boy in April 1951 was one of the highlights of their life, and no doubt "slowed down" their square dance schedule! John Edward Burkett was six years old when Bennie gave birth to their second son, Jerry Byron Burkett.

As soon as Jerry was old enough to enjoy traveling, Billy, Bennie, Johnny and Jerry would take a two-week vacation each year. Our first was a trip by car to Southern California. Jerry was then just four years old and immediately after Christmas in 1960 we took a sight-seeing trip that included the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, a trip to the Rose Parade and our first visit to Disney Land in Orange County, CA and to the nearby Knott's Berry Farm. We also toured the San Diego area and went to Bennie's high school Alma Mater--San Diego High School. We also visited the world famous San Diego zoo where we traveled by shuttle bus over the grounds of the zoo. A trip to Tijuana, Old Mexico, made the boys soon realize that there is no place like the good 'ole USA. A trip through the vegetable growing area of the Imperial Valley in Southern California was especially interesting to Johnny and Jerry.

Other trips included travel to Washington D.C. to tour the White House (this was while the Kennedy's lived there and we saw the children playing with their pony in the yard), the Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Treasury Building and to Johnny, at least, the greatest of them all--the Smithsonian. The first space capsule had just been brought in and was still out on the grounds of the Smithsonian. At Johnny's insistence we spent time at the Washington International Airport.

The trip to the Midwest was our next trip. This included a trip to Rapid City SD where Johnny received special recognition at the Flying Farmers Annual meeting. On this trip we went to the Passion Play at Spearfish Lake SD, toured an old abandoned gold mining town, saw Mt. Rushmore and the Blue Hills of South Dakota. We had our pictures made at the geographical center of the USA, and toured a living farm museum. We went to see the large building that was covered entirely with different colored grains of corn. That was the area where the pheasants were still plentiful and the kids spent their time trying to find them in the fields as we traveled.

Another trip took us through the South starting with a trip to the battlefields at Vicksburg. We toured some of the beautiful old pre-Civil War homes in Natchez MS including two plantation homes. Then on to Mobile where we toured a large WWII battleship. At Pensacola we toured the Naval Air Base where some dozen years later Johnny was to graduate from the Navigator's school. At Winter Gardens we watched the professionals perform on water skis and rode on a glass bottom boat. A trip to Orlando was made to see the beautiful orange groves in that area. Disney World had not yet been built--a trip there came later.

The boys enjoyed the trip to Illinois where they toured the Abe Lincoln home and then on to Chicago for a "big city" visit. The family enjoyed staying in the large old downtown hotel, The Palmer House where on Sunday morning they walked from the hotel to church in the tallest Methodist Church in the world, The Chicago Temple which is high above Chicago. The Methodist Church has its sanctuary at the top of the building and all the lower floors are leased out to businesses. We found out that the Methodist that first settled there bought this lot and built their little church in the middle of the village called Chicago. They have continued to have a church at this site and it is now one of the most valuable pieces of property in that city. They drove down the famous Lake Front Drive, toured the large zoo, the Hall of Industry, and of course, the one and only busy O'Hara Airport. Finally, the boys grew up on us and they no longer wanted to take family trips. But those years of travel together were wonderful educational experiences that widened the horizons of two small-town, country boys. When they grew up, they traveled the world over, but never with the same childish enthusiasm as they did when they were little boys discovering America with their Mother and Dad.

Elsie Marie and Bennie were raised going to Hot Springs regularly. So it was only natural to continue that tradition when they were grown. The Hargroves built a home on Lake Hamilton around 1960 when their grandchildren were young. They shared this home with the rest of the family. Then in 1974 while Jerry was at the University, the Burkett's bought a two-year-old lake house in Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton located just off Highway # 7 South at 212 Grandview Drive. Now the next generation is enjoying these lakefront homes, and so the tradition continues.

Another family tradition carried on until the death of both Rosa and Ed Frownfelter, was the Sunday night potluck suppers held regularly at Elsie Marie and Bill Hargrove's home. No matter how busy the various members of the family were during the week, Ed and Rosa knew they'd catch up on all the family news (including the kids' school activities) when we gathered to eat and share our past weeks activities come Sunday evening. It did not matter how far the family members scattered, they always knew they could call Mom and Pop's home on Sunday evening and find "the family" there.

Just as our adoption of Johnny was one of the highlights of our married life, his sudden death at age 30 was one of our saddest times. He always loved airplanes and was killed in a plane accident near our home. He had a brilliant mind--reading at fifth grade level when he started to school. Johnny was our very special gift which we loved and nourished for 30 years. Our only consolation was that he died doing what he loved best--flying.

But as we look back over our lives thus far, Billy and Bennie agree that they've had more happy times than sad ones, and we are now in a new chapter of our lives as we enjoy watching two beautiful little grandchildren grow up. Jerry and Robin have given us two of life's most precious gifts--our grandchildren, Caroline and Laura. Indeed, God is Great, God is Good.

**Bennie and Billy have two children:**

1. **John Edward Burkett** was b 30 Sept 1950 in Hot Springs AR (adopted). He was an honor graduate of Stuttgart High School; a National Merit Scholar; and was listed in **Who's Who in American High Schools**. He attended the University of Alabama for two years and then graduated from Spartan's School of Aeronautics, Tulsa OK. He had his Commercial Pilot's license, Instructor's Twin-Engine and Glider Licenses. He volunteered for the US Marines in May 1971 and graduated from Navigator's School, Pensacola FL. He served as a Sergeant in the Viet Nam conflict as a navigator flying the Pacific. After his four years in the Marines he attended Louisiana Tech University where he graduated in 1977.

He married Cynthia Lank at the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport on 5 Aug 1978. Cynthia is the daughter of Ed and Vonciel Hill Lank of Shreveport. Johnny was killed in a plane accident on 13 Aug 1981 and was buried at Lone Tree Cemetery, Stuttgart. His widow moved back to Shreveport where she bought a new home and she continues to live. She also attended Louisiana Tech University and now works on computers at a gas and pipe line company. She has not remarried and they had no heirs.

2. **Jerry Byron Burkett** was b 7 Sept 1956 at Stuttgart, AR. He graduated from Stuttgart High School in 1975 where he was active in DeMolay, FFA and 4-H. He raised and showed registered Angus cattle while in grade and high school. He graduated from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1979 with a BS degree in AG Economics. At the University he was president of the Arkansas Booster Club his Junior year; he was Chancellor of Alpha Zeta and elected to Who's Who in the College of Agriculture his Senior year. He is active in his fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho.

He built his home in Stuttgart immediately after graduation at 1908 Oak St. He is now in charge of all the family farms. In 1986 he bought a 320-acre farm that adjoins part of the family farm. This farm was once owned by his Frownfelter ancestors when they first moved to Arkansas County in the early 1880s. More recently Jerry bought a cattle ranch near the White River not far from Casscoe in the eastern part of Arkansas County where he raises registered Beefmaster cattle. This is a part of the same cattle farm that his dad owned when Jerry was a child and had sold when Jerry went off to the University.

After the death of his grandfather, Ed Frownfelter, in 1984, Jerry bought his aunt's share of his grandfather's property on Main Street in Stuttgart and he and his mother now own the property and have converted Ed and Rosa Frownfelter's home and the home they owned next to them into business property. They also bought a mini-mall next door. This home that Ed and Rosa bought when they moved to town is the only home that Jerry remembers his grandparents living in, thus it has special memories for him as he grew up.

Jerry is the immediate past president of the Arkansas County Farm Bureau; immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees at Grand Avenue Methodist Church and past chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee at Grand Avenue. He is past president of the Yoder Ruritan Club.

He was named by the Arkansas Jaycees as Arkansas' Young Farmer and Rancher. He was one of six young adults selected by the United States Rice Council to participate in a year-long Leadership Course, and was chosen to take part in a two-year Arkansas Rural Leadership Study known as LeadAR.

He is a member of the Bayou Barthlomew chapter of Sons of the American Revolution through descent from Ensign John McMurtry who fought in the American Revolution from New Jersey. He is also a member of the Descendants of Colonial Governors through his maternal line through Governor Thomas Welles Sr., fourth governor of the Colony of Connecticut. He is a member of Magna Charta Barons, and Flagon and Trencher, a hereditary order that requires that you have an ancestor in your direct line that owned a Tavern in one of the American Colonies. In Jerry's case his ancestor, through his grandmother Rosa Frownfelter, was Lt. James Harris who was licensed by the General Court of Hartford to own a Tavern in Colchester CT in 1720-21-22 and perhaps later. He is in the Order of the Stars and Bars and the Sons of the Confederacy through his paternal great, great grandfather Eli Burkett who was a lieutenant in the Civil War from Georgia. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through his grandmother Rosa Frownfelter whose grandfather John Perry was killed at Pittsburg Landing at Shiloh TN. His latest membership is that of a charter membership in the newly organized First Families of Tennessee in which one must prove he has an ancestor who had settled in Tennessee before Tennessee became a state in 1796.

On 27 Oct 1990 a major change in the life of Jerry Burkett occurred! He and Robin Bledsoe Cook were married in a beautiful ceremony in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Little Rock where Robin was a member. They were married by the Rev. Don Nolley who was a friend to both Jerry and Robin in their childhood days--she while he was her minister at Benton UMC and Jerry while he was the minister at the Lodges Corner UMC. A reception followed at the historic old Trapnell Hall. Not only did Jerry get a lovely bride but he also got a beautiful little daughter, Mary Caroline. Robin was first married to Ken Cook of Little Rock. Robin is the daughter of Harley and Mary Evans Bledsoe of Benton. She was born 22 Sept 1956 in Little Rock.

Robin was graduated from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama, and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a BSBA degree in marketing. Prior to her marriage to Jerry she was Personnel Director for Fairfield Communities, Inc. Her sorority is Zeta Tau Alpha. She is active in the Stuttgart Junior Womans' Club, a volunteer Literacy Tutor, and the immediate past president of the North Arkansas Cancer Society and is now its Memorial Chairman. Robin spends a lot of her time doing volunteer work at Grand Avenue UMC where she is Choir Mom and chaired a recent spring bake sale and bazaar, co-chairman of Daily Vacation Bible School, and teaches in the Church School. Robin and Jerry are members of the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock , the Arts Center of the Grand Prairie, and a donor member at the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum. They are members of the Stuttgart Country Club and have in 1998 just moved into their new home in the newly developed Country Club Estates, where their home overlooks the golf links.

At their cattle farm near White River, Robin and Jerry have built an enlarged version of the little prairie house that is on the grounds of the Stuttgart Agricultural Museum. The little house at the museum has special significance for the family since it was Jerry's grandfather, Ed Frownfelter, who drew up these plans for this house as a reproduction of the house that he was born in on the prairie in 1891. The little prairie house on the cattle farm has become a favorite place for family parties and picnics as well as a fun place for other social events and weekend overnight parties.

In 1991 the Jerry Burkett family was named North Arkansas County's Farm Family of the year--an honor that Jerry's parents received in 1960 when Jerry was four years old.

**Jerry and Robin have two daughters:**

**A. Mary Caroline Cook** b 28 Jan 1988 at Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock. Through the first five grades Caroline attended St. John's Lutheran School, and this year she transferred to

the Stuttgart Middle School for the sixth grade. She is active in the Junior Choir and in other activities at Grand Avenue UMC and takes dancing where she is especially interested in ballet. She has begun her fourth year in piano lessons. She also enjoys the children's activities at the Stuttgart Country Club, particularly the club swimming pool. She is a member of the Children of the American Revolution through her maternal grandmother, Mary Evans Bledsoe. Her ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War was John Best.

**B. Laura Elizabeth Burkett** b 7 Jan 1992 at the Doctor's Hospital in Little Rock.

Laura was three months old when she was accepted for membership in the Children of the American Revolution through direct descent from Henry Frownfelter who fought in the Revolutionary War from Berks County PA. Laura is in her fifth year of dancing. She is in the second grade at St. John's Lutheran School. She also participates in the childrens choir at G.A and has begun taking piano lessons this year..

Jerry and Robin and their little girls took that eventful trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida in August 1998! They stayed with Bennie's nephew John Jones and wife Barbara while in Orlando. John is an administrator at Lockheed and the little girls enjoyed their swimming pool and two dogs almost as much as Disney World! One day they toured the NASA facility in Cape Canaveral and they spent three nights in a condo on the beach at Ft. Walton.

A sad postscript must be added to the conclusion of this chapter on the life of Bennie Frownfelter Burkett and her husband of 57 years. After a two-year illness Billy Burkett died on the 29th day of March, 1999 at the Stuttgart Regional Hospital of emphysema. He was buried on March 31, 1999 in the Lone Tree Cemetery at Stuttgart, Arkansas. The Rev. George Rook, minister of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, was in charge of his service held at 2 p.m. at the church where he had been an active member for 51 years. He was 83 years and 16 days old. He lived a good full life, and was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who loved his fellow man. He will be missed.



Bennie when she was  
about three months old.

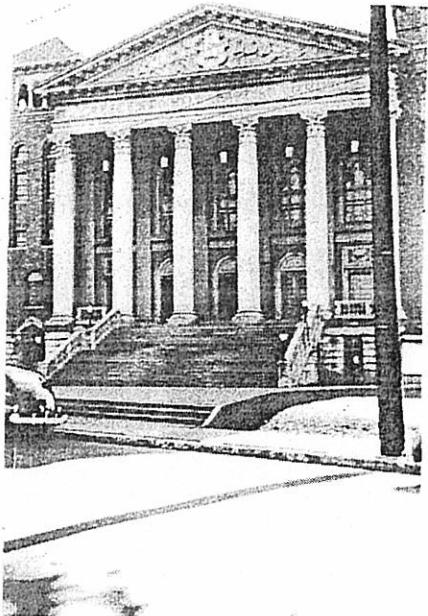
Bennie Frownfelter Burkett  
taken at Hot Springs when  
she was about two years old



Bennie's senior picture  
when she graduated from  
San Diego CA High School  
in 1935.

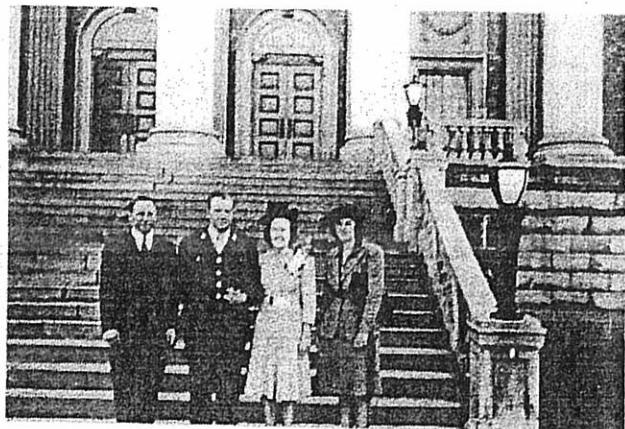


Sisters Elsie Marie, Bennie and  
Lucille at Bennie's graduation from  
the University of Central Arkansas  
in 1939.



The Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky where Billy and Bennie were married at high noon on November 14, 1942.

Billy John Burkett and Bennie Frownfelter were married at this church by Rev. Taylor Daniels. Billy was in training in the Army Air Corps at Louisville at this time in 1942.



Bennie's sister Elsie Marie Hargrove was matron of honor and her husband Bill was best man. These two couples lived close to each other for over 50 years and shared many happy times together including many wonderful trips throughout the United States and elsewhere.



Billy and Bennie Burkett at their wedding 14 Nov 1942  
at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville KY.  
He was then in training in Air Corps during WWII



Bennie and Billy 50 years  
later--14 Nov 1992

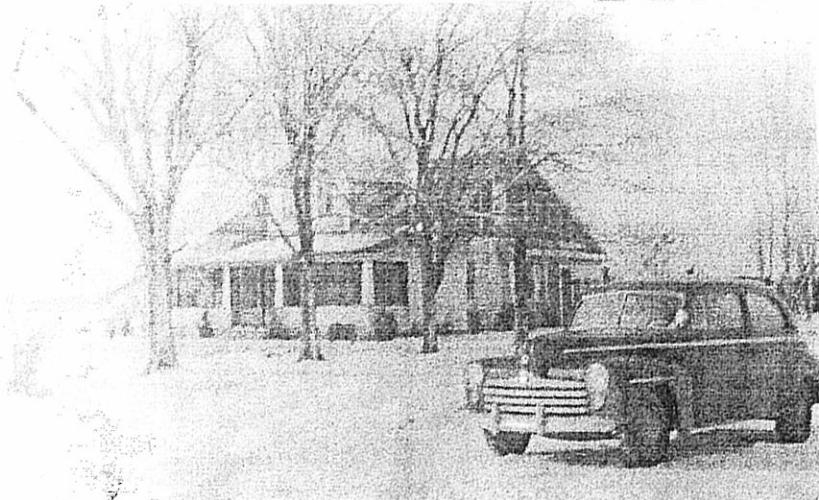
Laura Elizabeth Burkett in her bap-  
tismal gown with proud grandparents 1992



Billy in Air Corps in MO in  
1942



Billy as M/Sgt in South Pacific  
in 1944



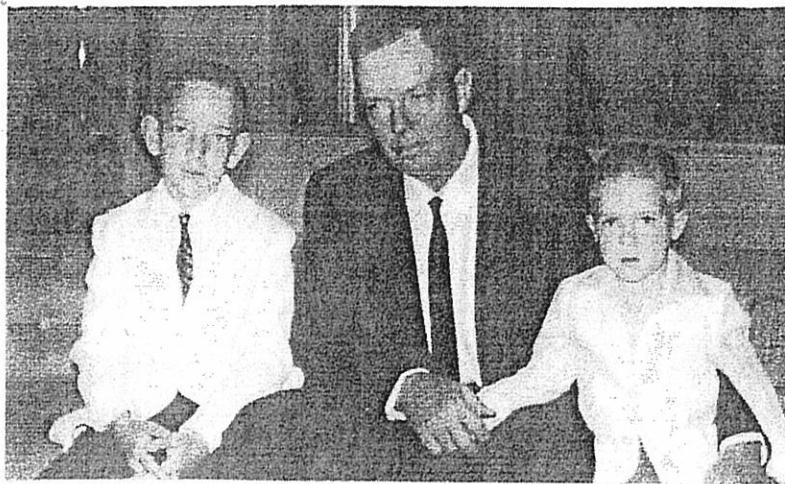
Billy and Bennie's first home on the farm near Stuttgart AR  
in 1947.



The above home was replaced by this ranch style house in 1954.  
This picture was taken in August 1998.



Christmas 1977--Jerry, Dad Billy, Johnny and fiance,  
Cynthia Lank of Shreveport, LA



Easter 1961--Johnny, Billy, and Jerry Burkett



Jerry Byron Burkett--1 Year Old



John Edward Burkett--1 Year Old



Enjoying a good laugh-Johnny, Mom Bennie, and baby Jerry 1957.

*John M. Hill*

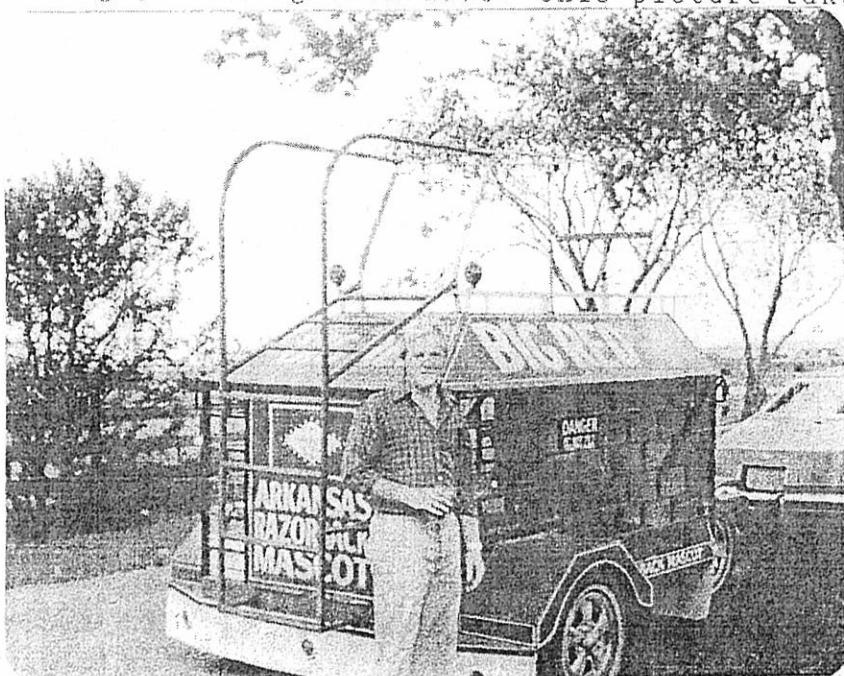
Rosa Frownfelter in 1957 wearing her UMW life membership pin.

Bennie Burkett and son Jerry in their drive of their home 4 miles south of Stuttgart. Picture taken in May 1957.





Burkett lakehouse at 212 Grandview Dr. on Lake Hamilton at Hot Springs, AR Bought in 1976--this picture taken in 1999



Jerry Burkett while a student at the University of Ark. Fayetteville. As a sophomore he was in charge of the Ark. Razor back mascot "Big Red".

November 1977



Lake Hamilton Champions ??!!!--Jerry Burkett, Nicky Hargrove, Jack Harkey, Cleve Clinton, Bill Hargrove, Bennie Burkett ca 1980



Billy and Bennie Burkett at their 50th wedding anniversary party at the Stuttgart Country Club 14 Nov. 1992



Johnny Burkett married Cynthia Lank 5 Aug 1978 at Shreveport LA



Jerry Burkett married Robin Bledsoe Cook 27 Oct 1990 at 1st Meth. Church L.R. shown with his mother Bennie and her sisters Lucille and Elsie Marie



Robin and Jerry Burkett and their  
daughters Laura and Caroline  
on Easter Sunday 1993



Laura, Jerry, Robin, Bennie, Billy and Caroline  
at Billy and Bennie's 50th wedding anniversary party  
at Stuttgart Country Club 14 November, 1992



Waiting for Santa Christmas 1993.  
Laura, Katie, Buttercup and  
Caroline at their home on Oak St.



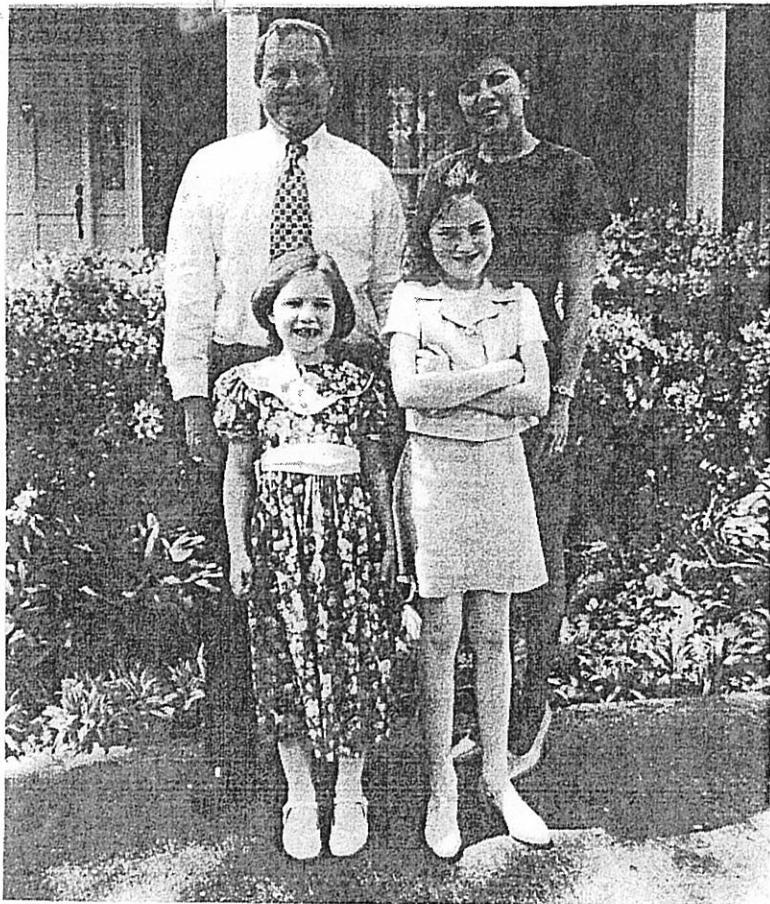
Sister's 94th birthday in 1997 at Nicky's.  
Left to right: Caroline, Lindsey, Sister,  
Lauren and Laura.



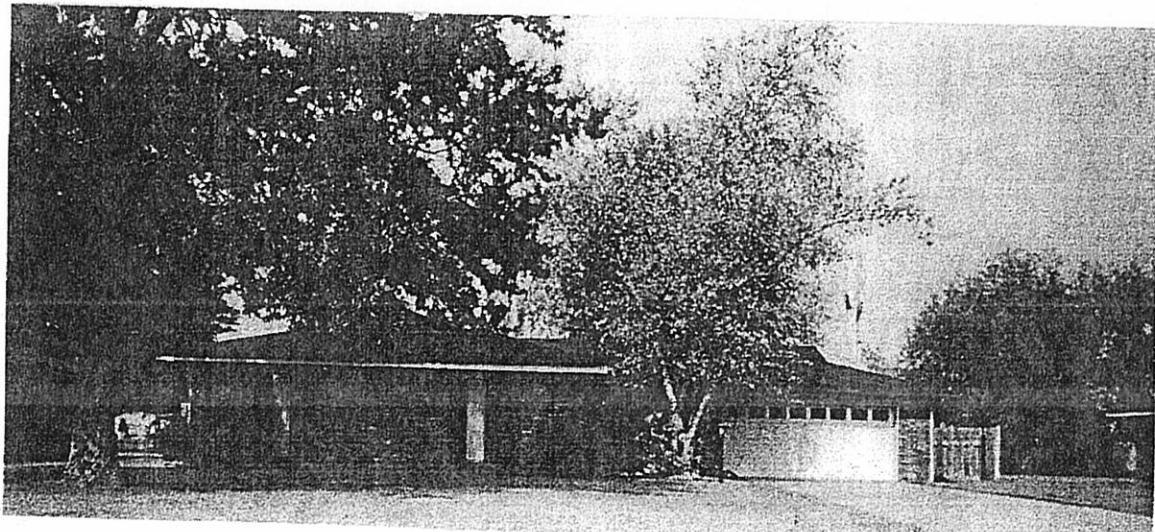
Robin's birthday October 1999 at Grandbennie's  
Laura, Jerry, Caroline, and Robin.



Laura and Grandbilly hide Easter  
eggs in the spring of 1998.



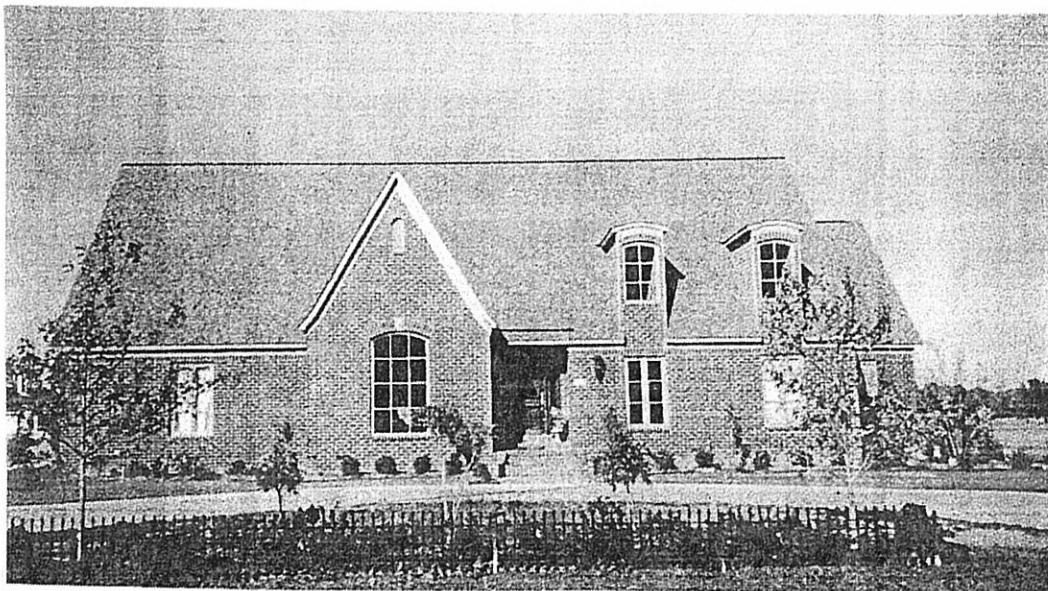
Jerry and Robin Burkett with their daughters  
Laura and Caroline, Picture taken on  
Easter 1998 at Robin's parents home in Benton



Robin and Jerry's first home at 1908 S. Oak St. in Stuttgart.  
Jerry had this home built when he graduated from the U. of A.  
in 1979.



Robin, Laura, Jerry and Caroline at Disney World in August 1998



Jerry and Robin and family moved into their new home over-looking the golf course at the Stuttgart Country Club in May 1998.

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